

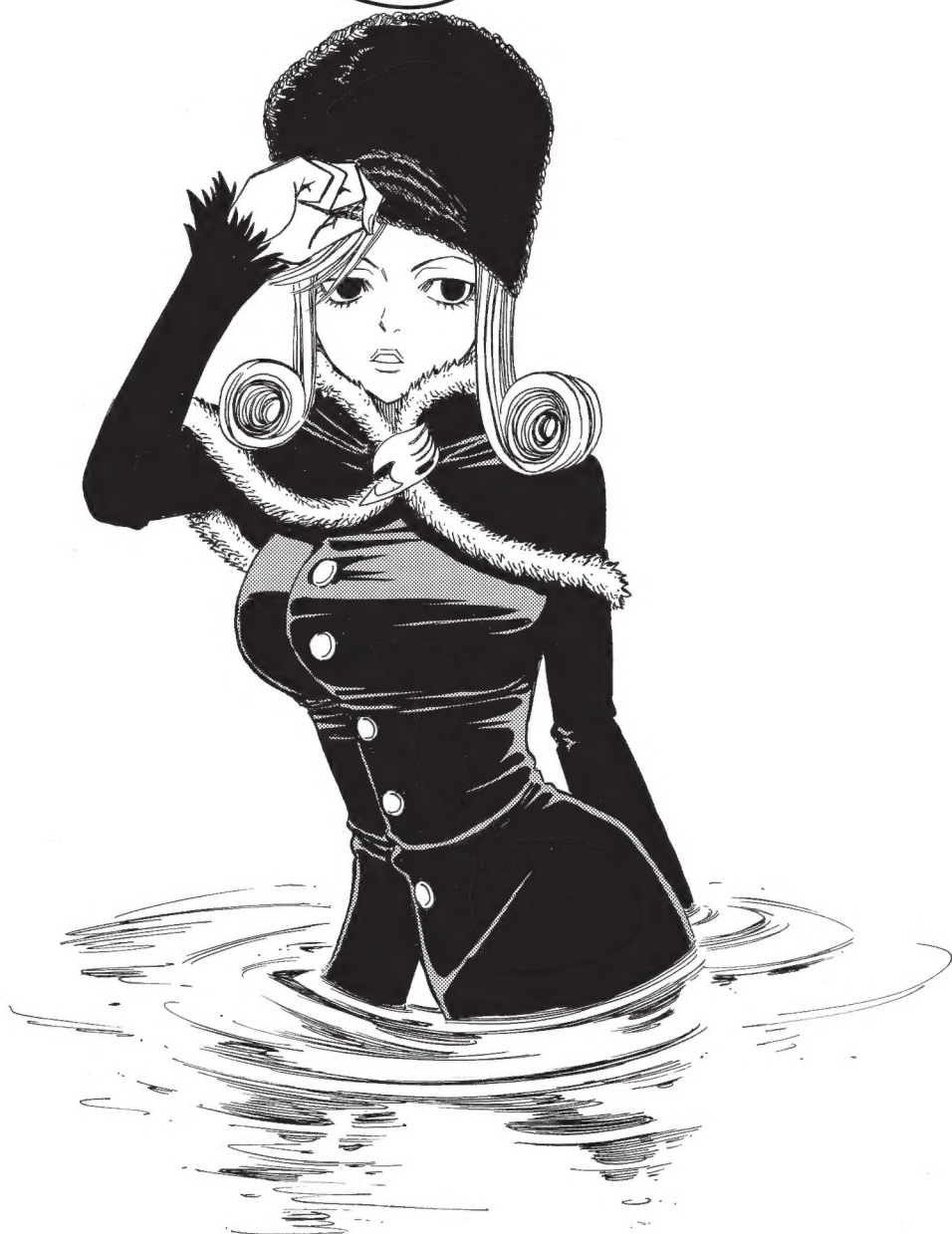
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Hiro Mashima Creator of
Rave Master

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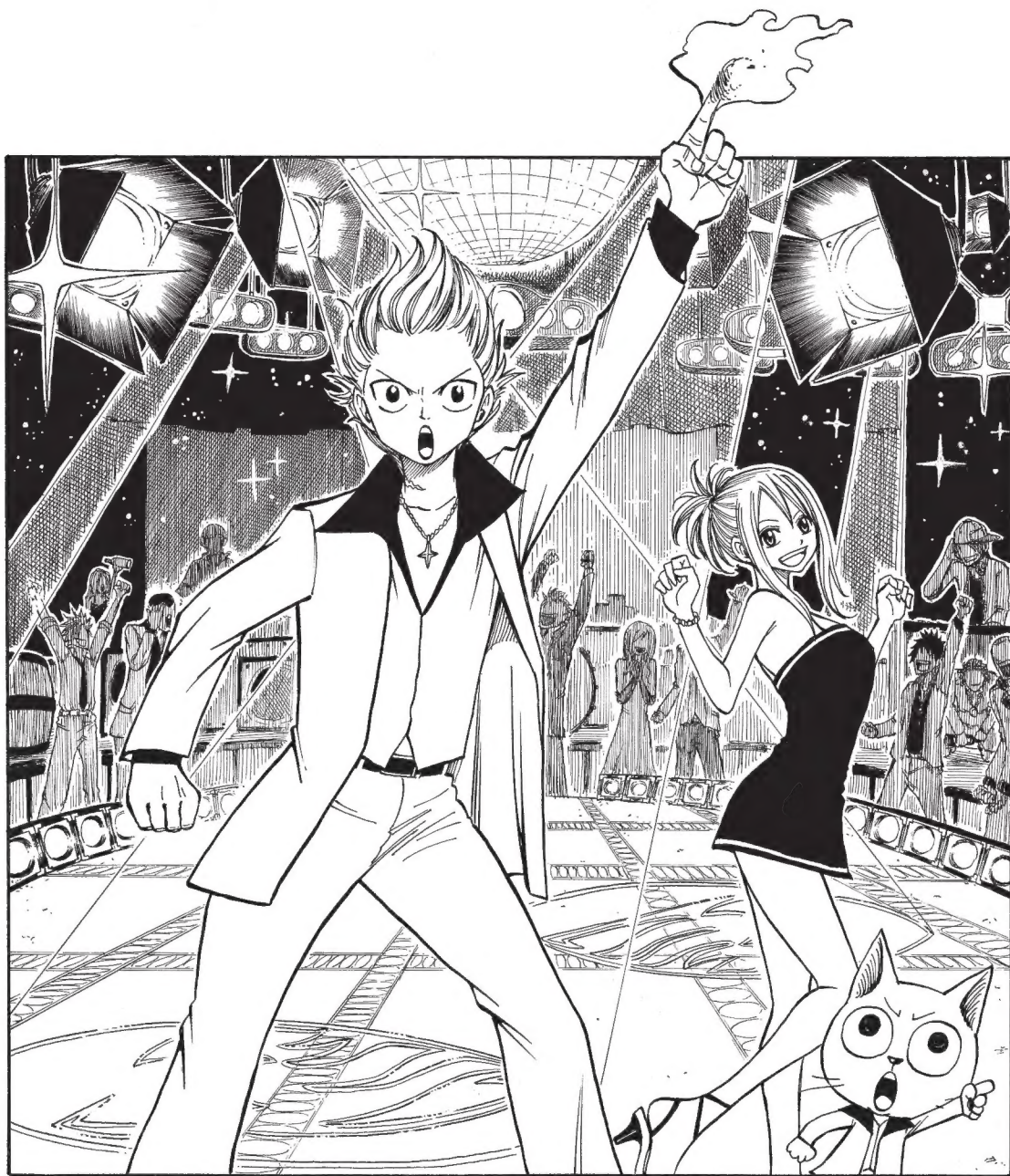
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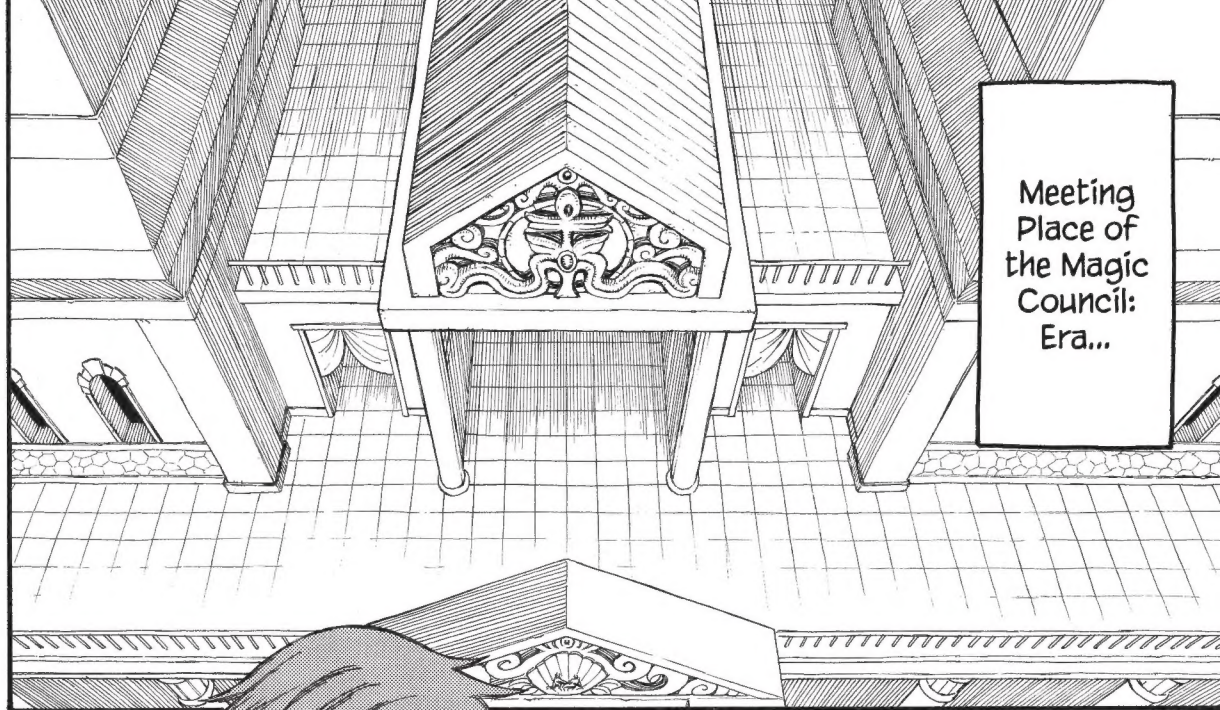


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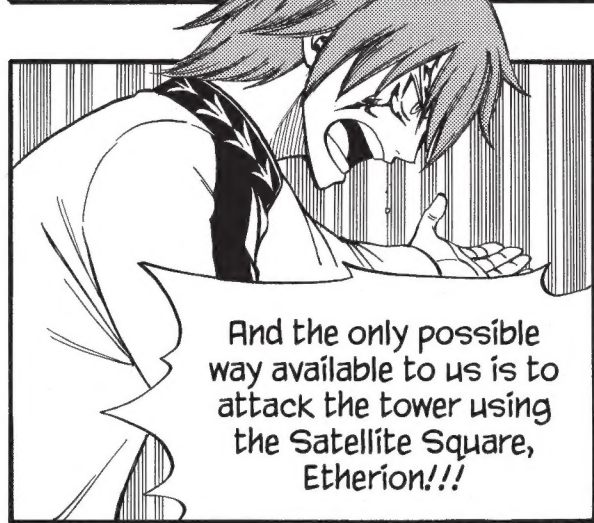
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Chapter 83: Find the Way



Meeting
Place of
the Magic
Council:
Era...



And the only possible
way available to us is to
attack the tower using
the Satellite Square,
Etherion!!!



We have to
wipe the Tower
of Heaven off
the face of the
Earth!

We have
to be sure
that Jellal
cannot
use the R-
System!!!



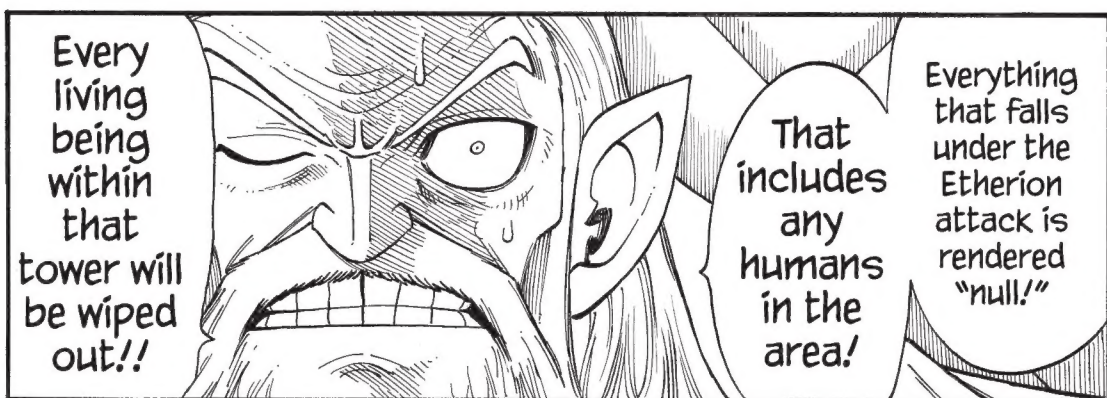
I'm sure
you all know
what that
means.

The R-System
is a forbidden
magic of which
all records must
be obliterated
from history.



Hm...

But...



Every living being within that tower will be wiped out!!

That includes any humans in the area!

Everything that falls under the Etherion attack is rendered "null!"



It is a price we must pay!

This is to protect the entire magic world!

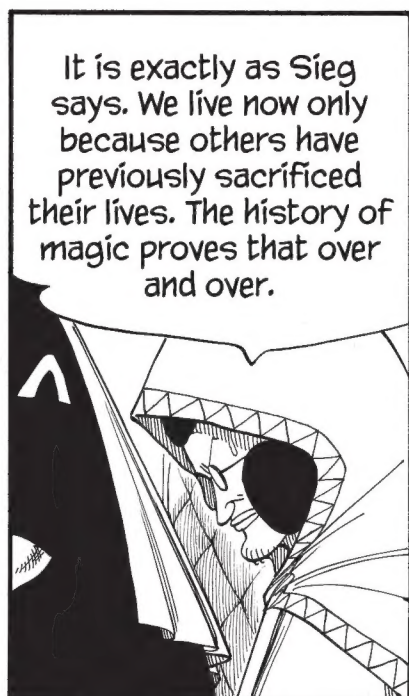


In a manner of speaking, we ourselves will be one of those sacrifices.

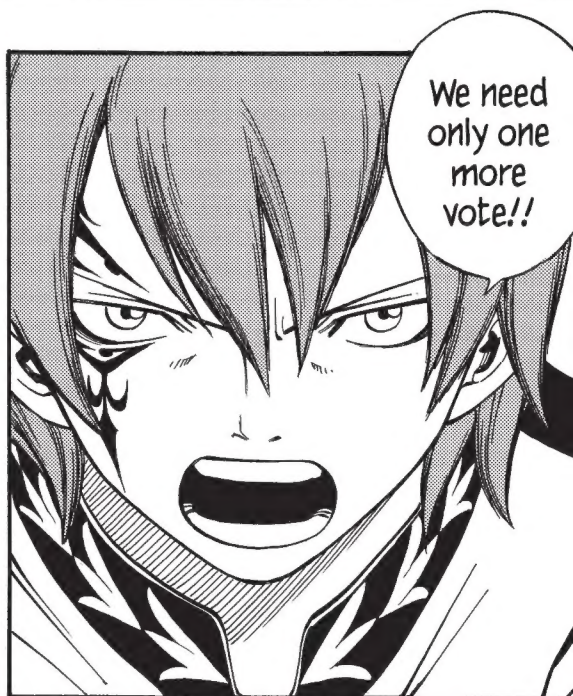
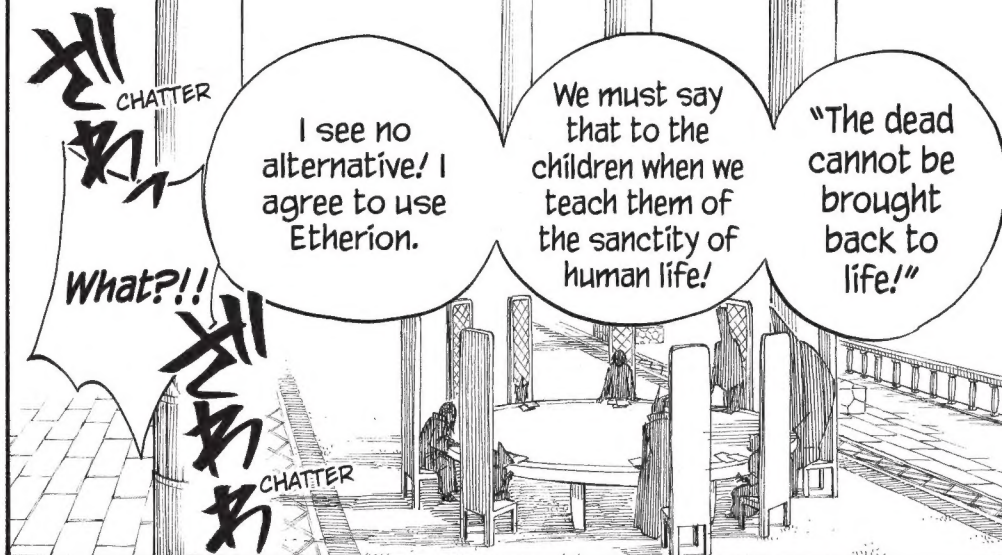
Elder Belno!!

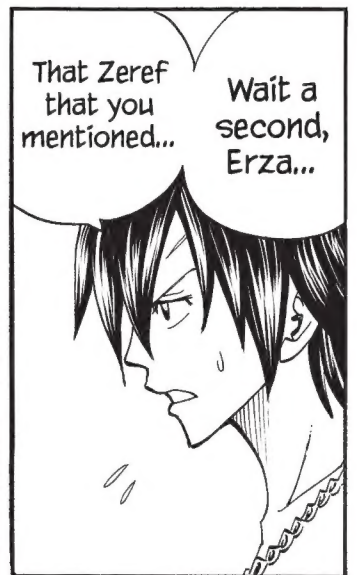
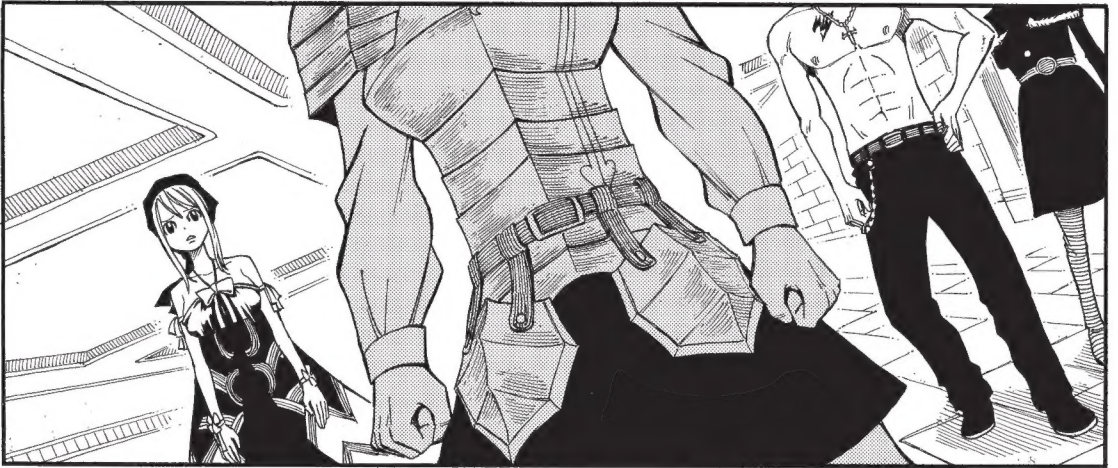
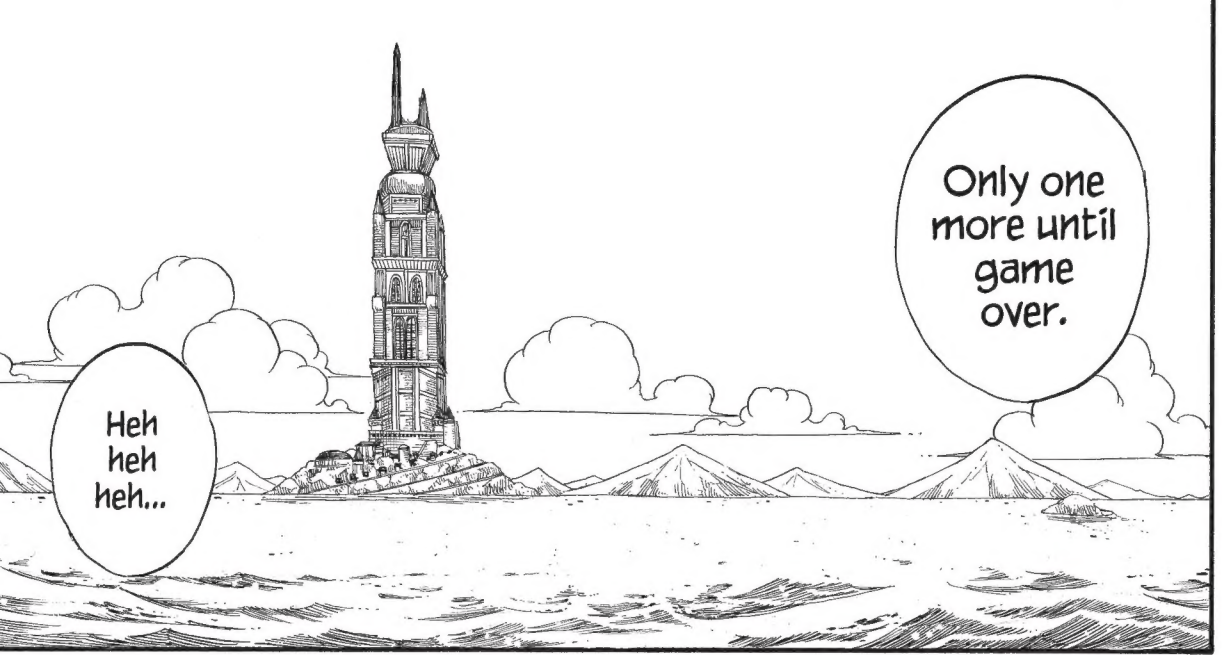


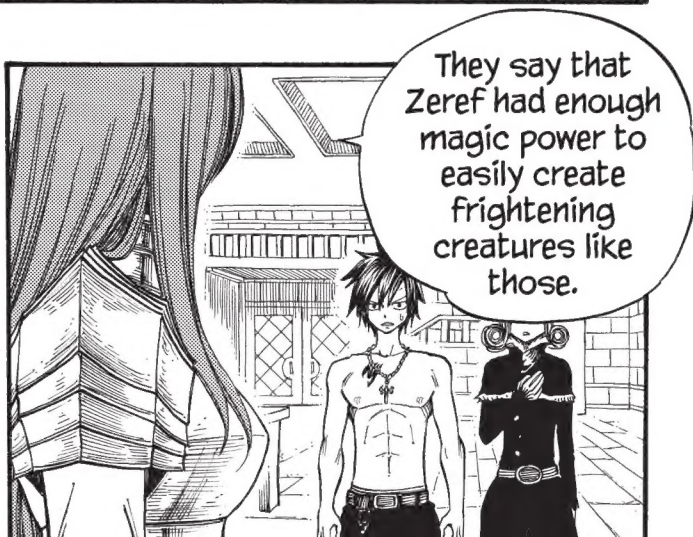
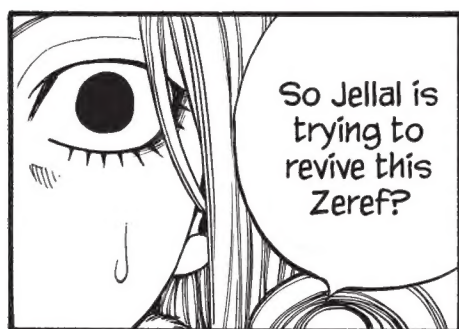
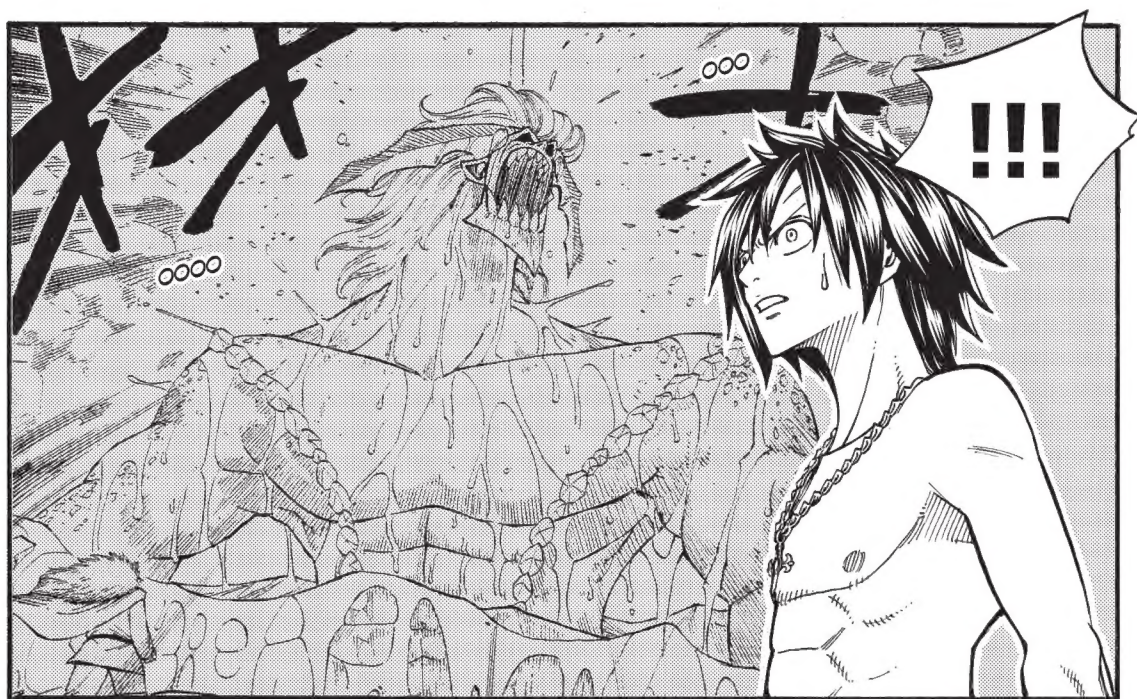
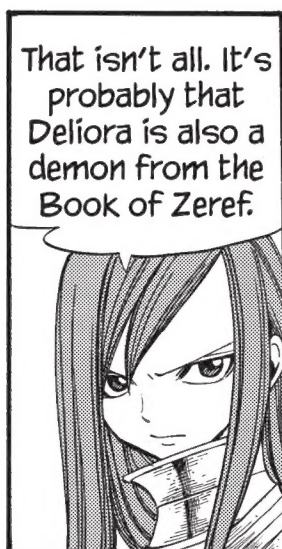
Elder Leiji!! If we make an unannounced attack on Ka-Elm national soil, history will record *our names* on the list of mass murderers!!!

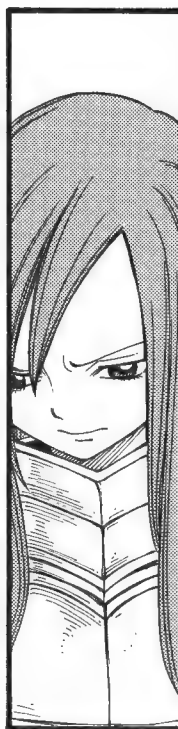
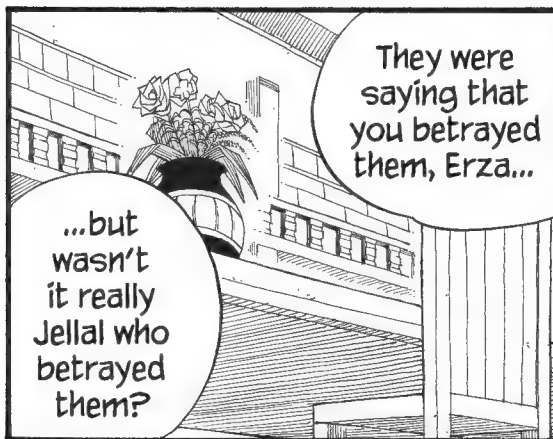


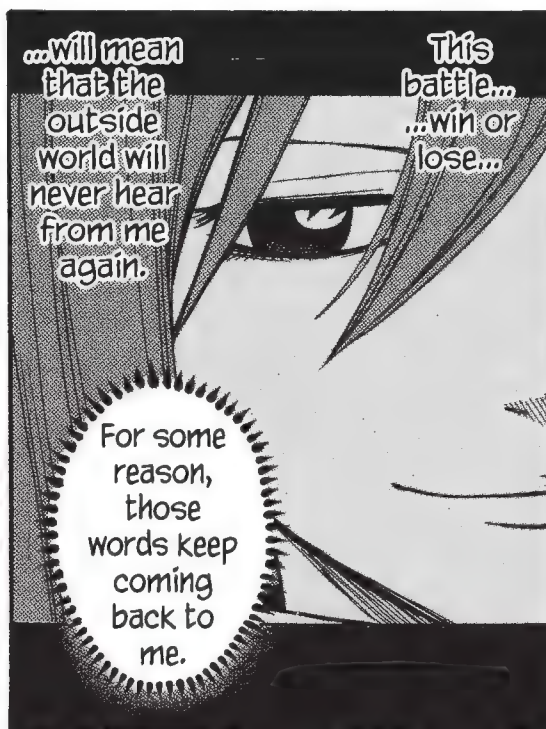
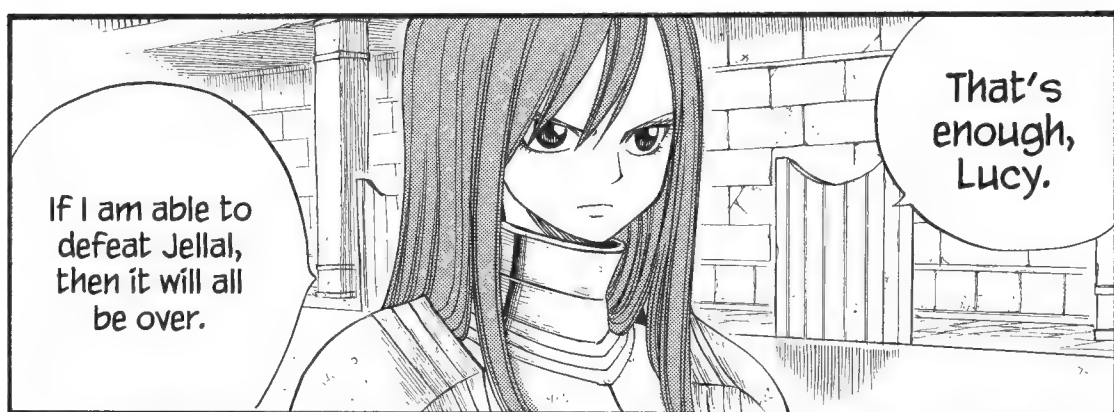
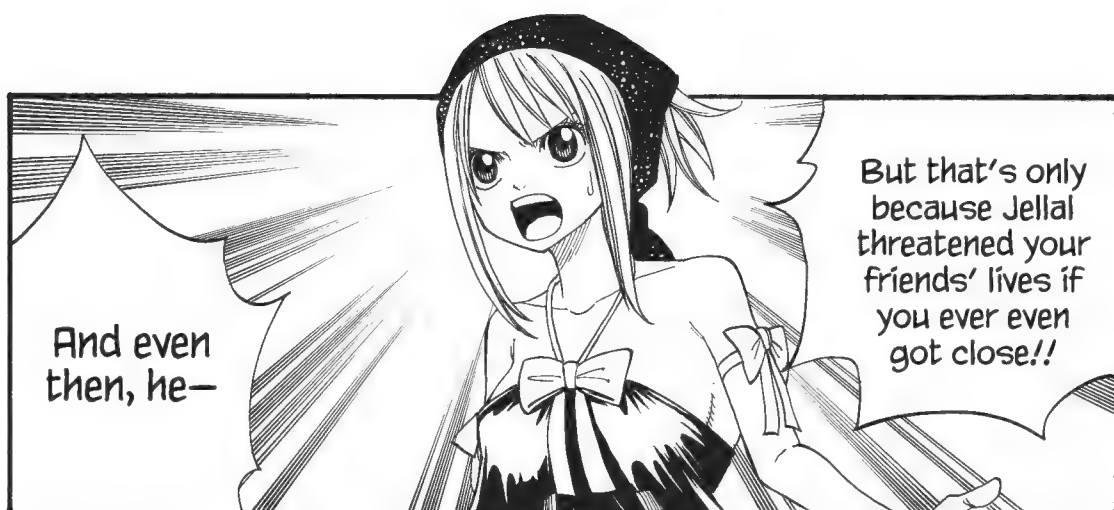
It is exactly as Sieg says. We live now only because others have previously sacrificed their lives. The history of magic proves that over and over.

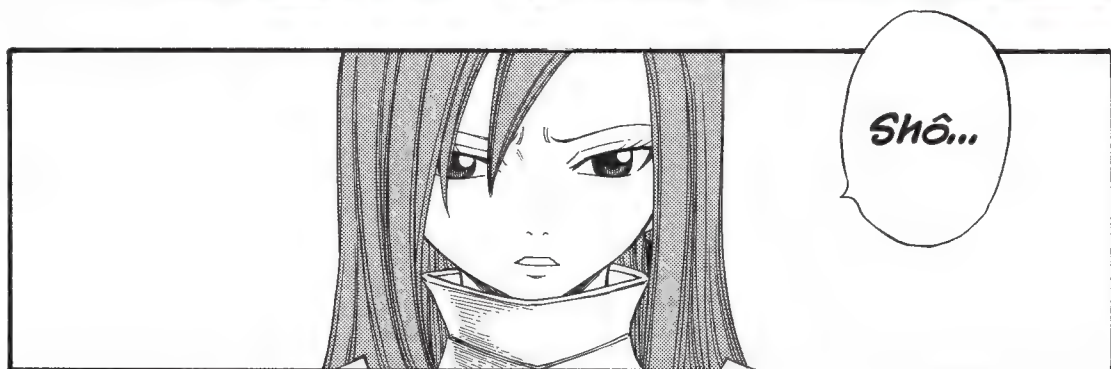


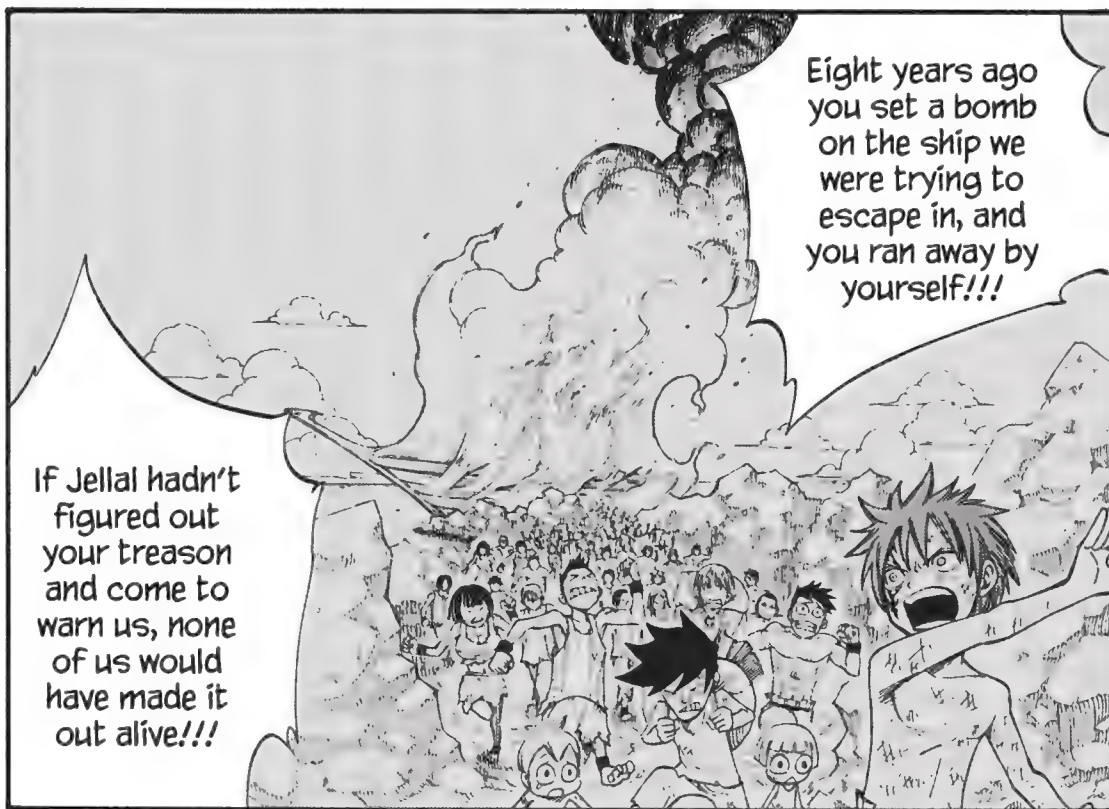






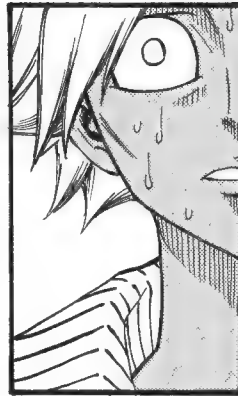








Do you think the Erza you used to know could ever do something like that?



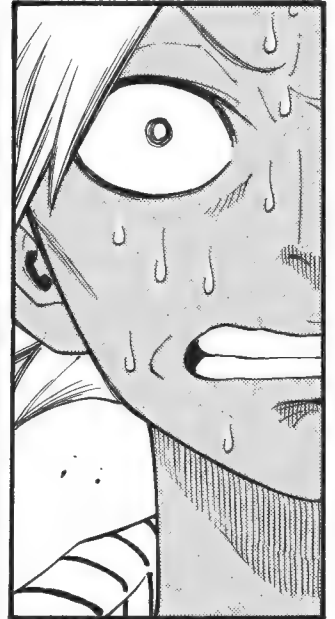
Jellal...

...told you?



Wh-What do you guys know?!!

You know nothing about us!!!



It was all for Jellal's sake!!!!

That's why we spent eight years finishing this tower!!!



We were saved by Jellal's words!!!!



...was
a lie?



Now
you say
all of
that...



*That
Erza's
in the
right...*

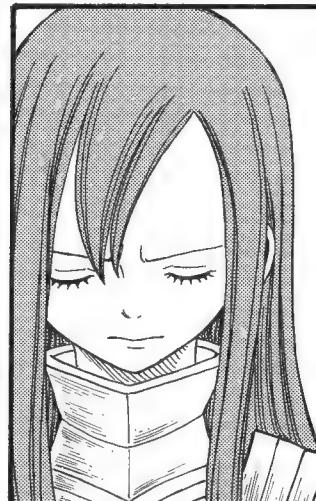
*...and the
one in the
wrong is
Jellal?! Is
that what
you expect
me to
believe?!!!*



!!!



Exactly.





Simon?!!

ZULIN

ZULIN



A darkness magician isn't blinded by his darkness like everyone else is!

What?!!

Back then, that man knew that Gray-sama was simply an ice decoy, and that's why he attacked!

Wait a moment, Gray-sama!!

It's you...



I'd expect as much from a member of Phantom's Element 4.

The reason Juvia came is to confirm his intentions!



Y-You wanted to fool us?!

I planned to knock you out to fool Shô and the others into thinking you were dead, but since it was just an ice decoy, I knew I could make a show of it.

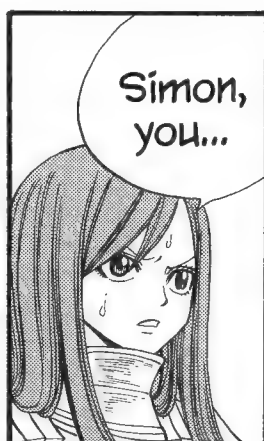


I never intended to kill anyone.



I believed in you from the start, Erza.

SKRCH
SKRCH to "to"



Simon, you...



I had to wait for my chance, so I pretended to be fooled too.

You, Wally, Millianna—you've all been tricked by Jellal.



And continued to believe for these eight years.

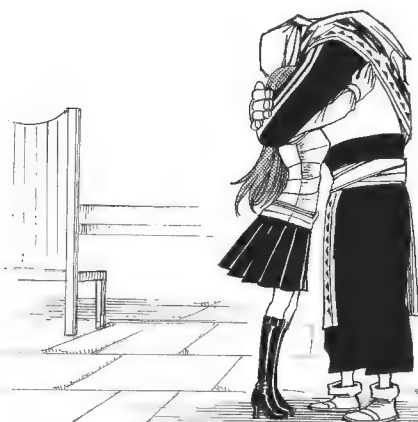


ハハ
GAMPH

Simon...

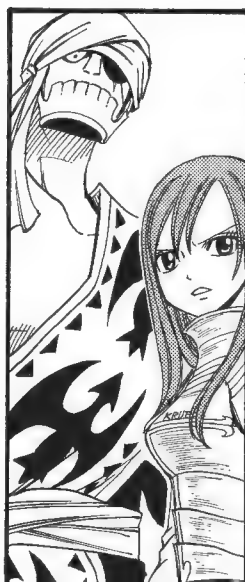
I was so
happy to
see you,
Erza.

From the
bottom of
my heart.



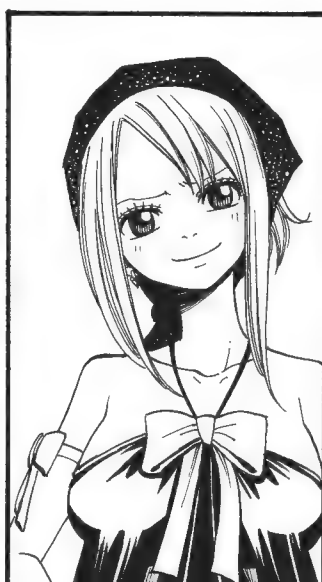
Why
wasn't
I...

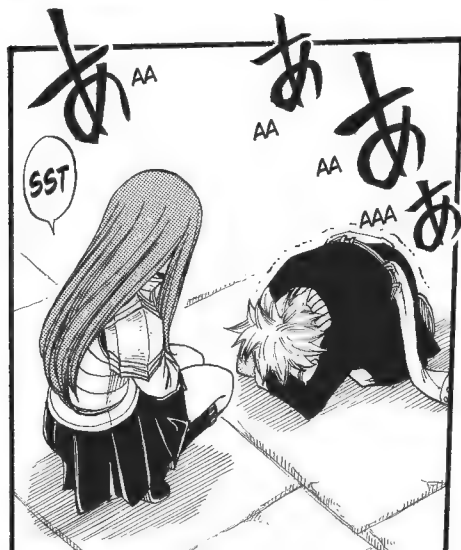
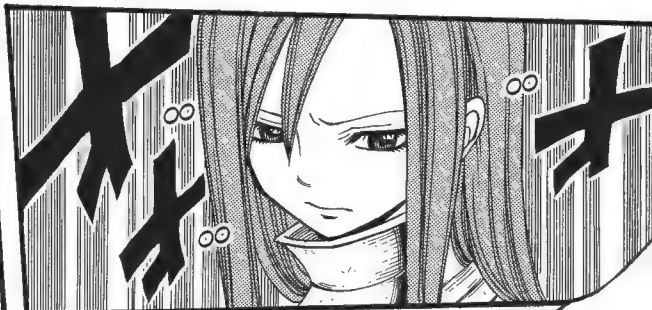
...able to
trust my
sister
too?!



Why?
Why does
everybody
trust Sis
so much?

Why?!







For all these eight years, I never once forgot about you.



But just allow me to say this one thing.

I know it must be hard to take it all in at once.



But now you can do something.

You can, can't you?



I was... too weak...

I wasn't able to do anything.

I'm so sorry.



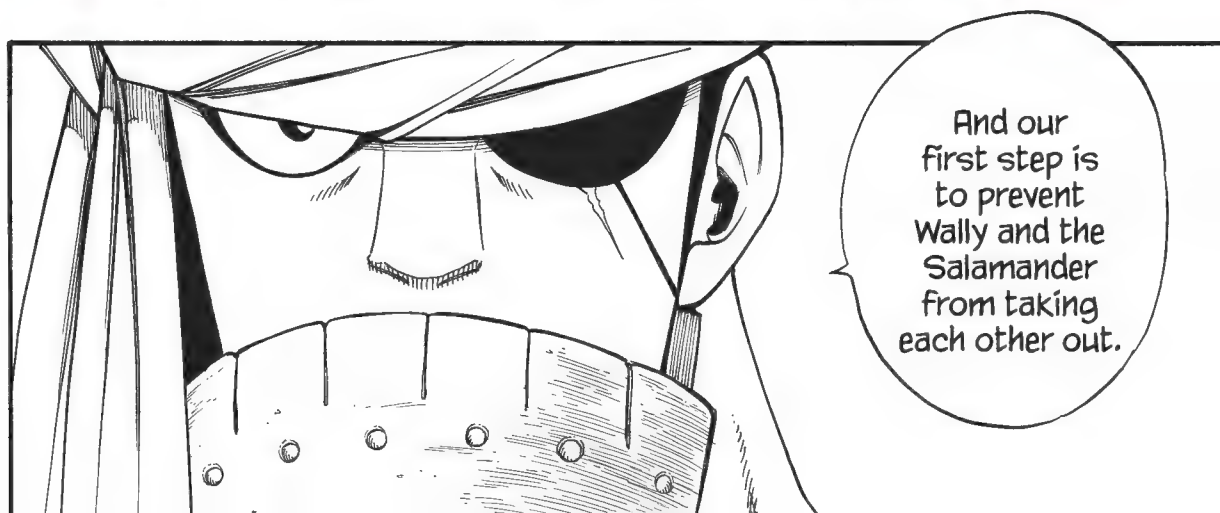
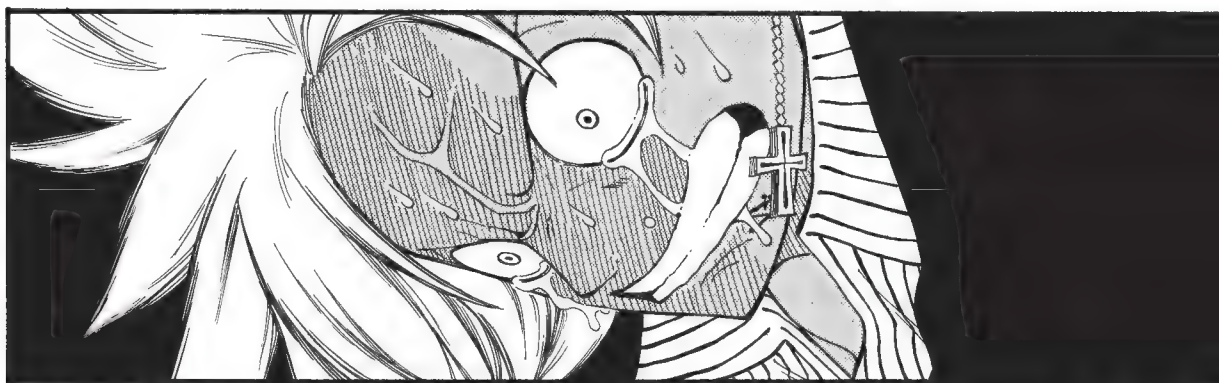
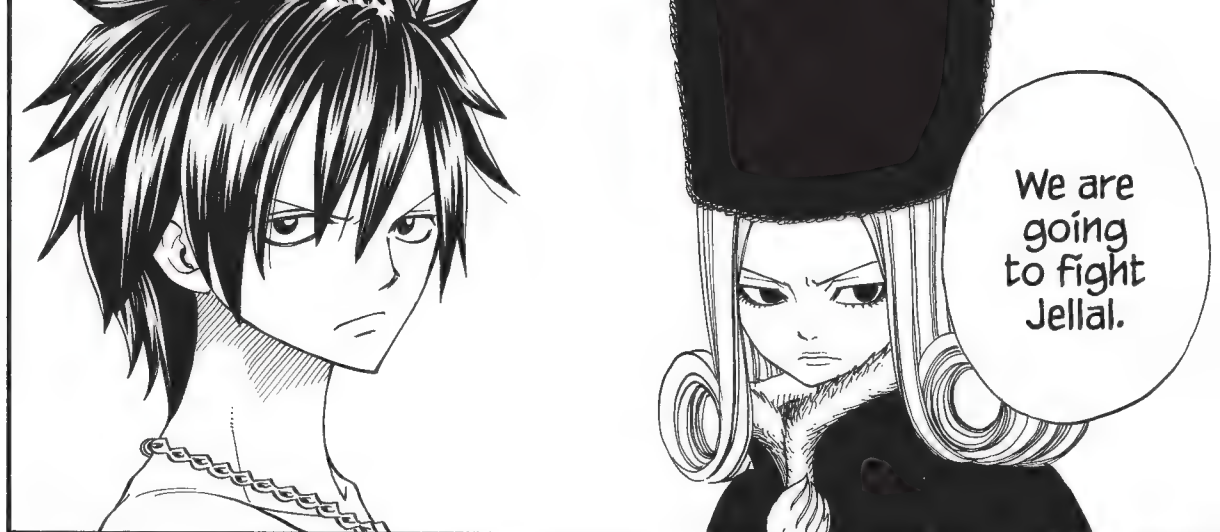
The strongest wizards?

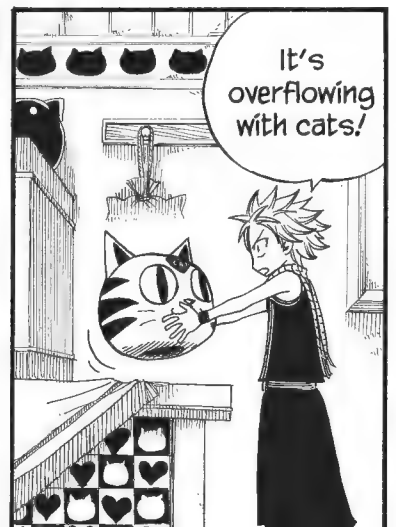
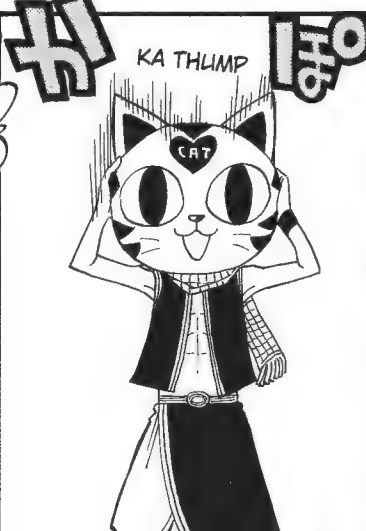
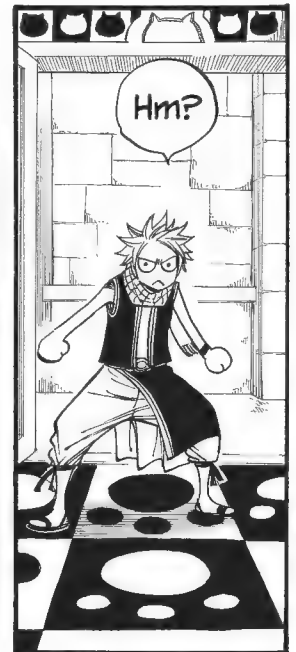
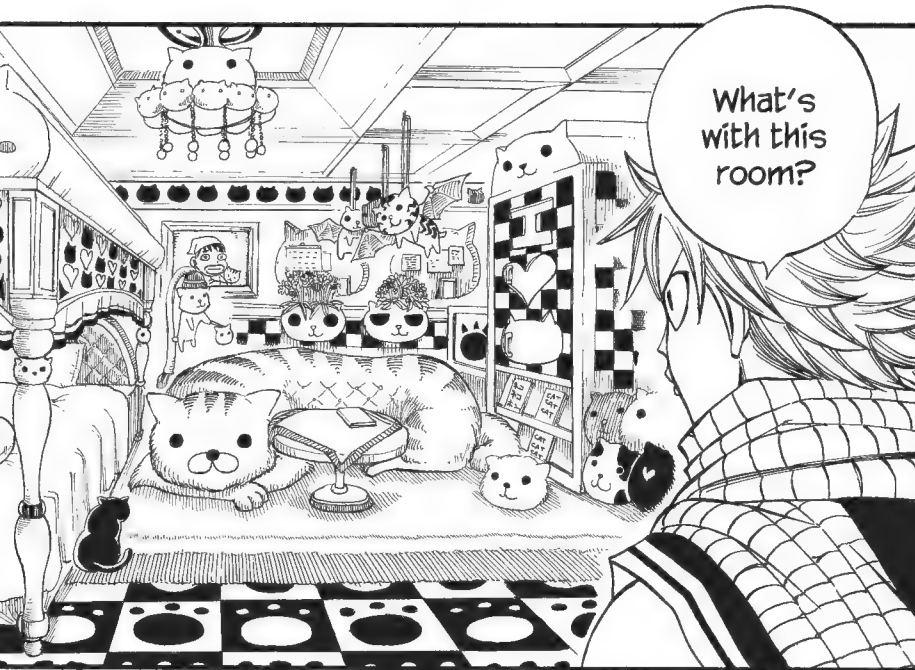
Do you include me in that?

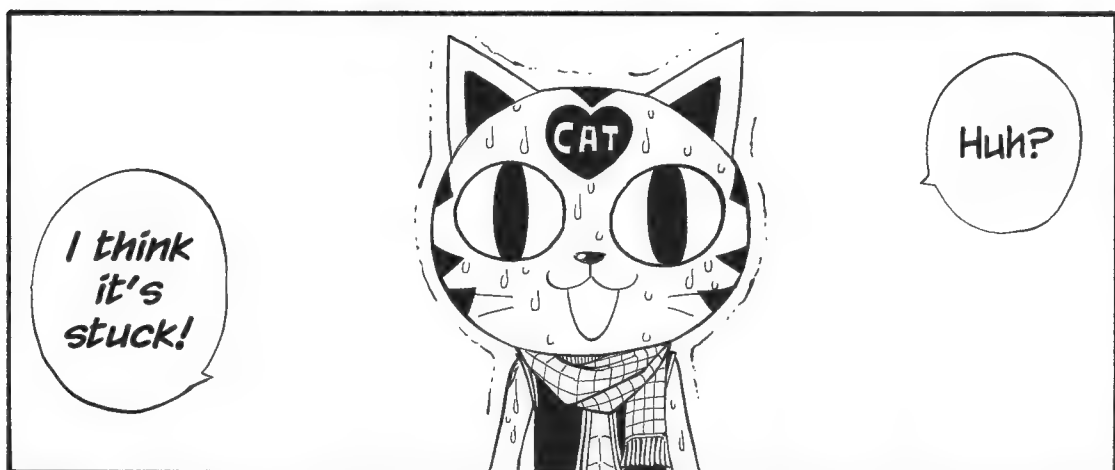
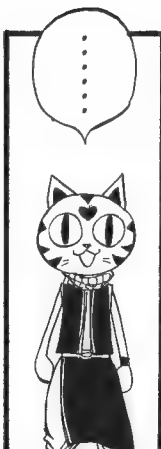


For the strongest wizards to finally gather here.

I've been waiting all this time for this moment.

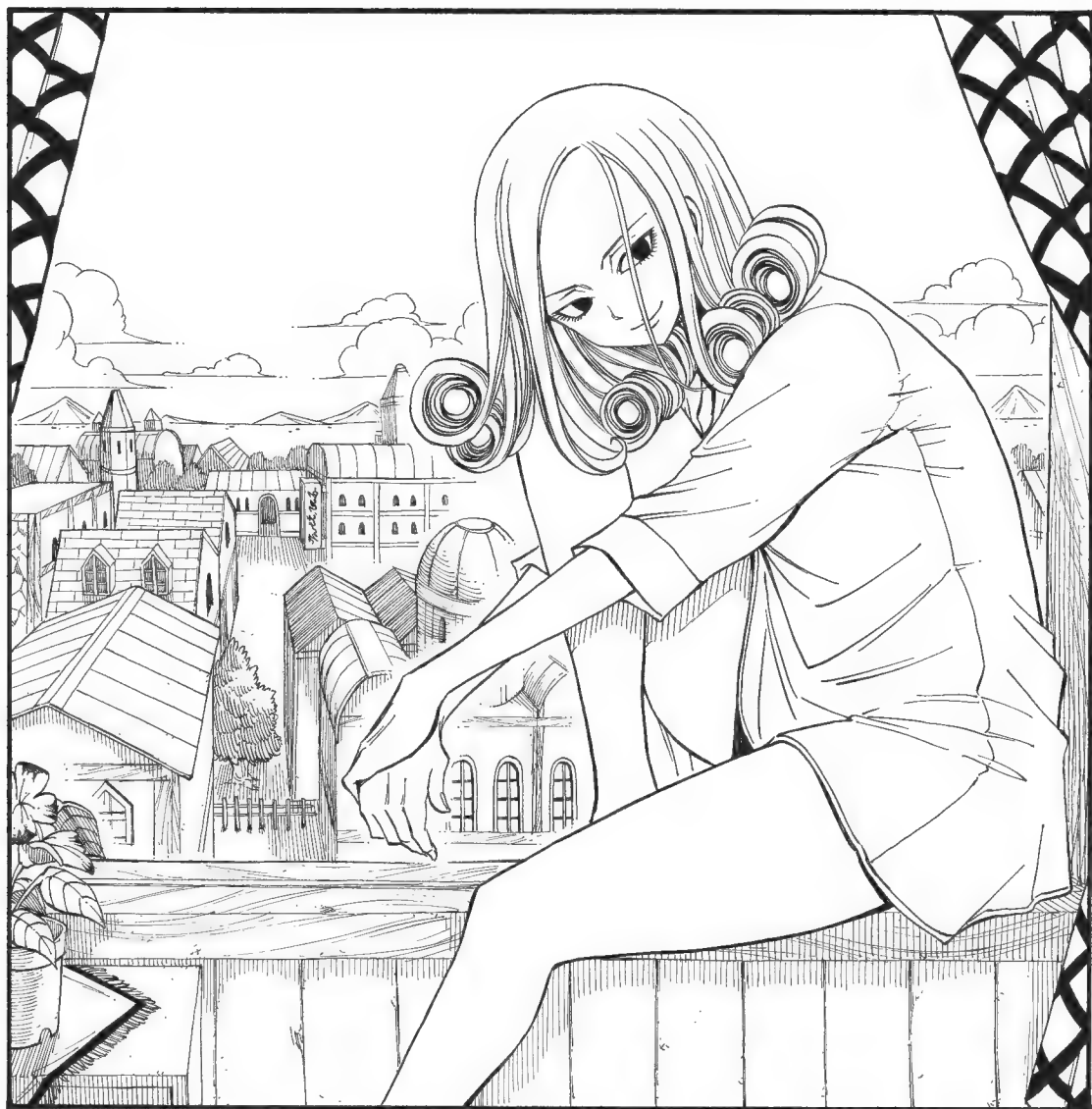


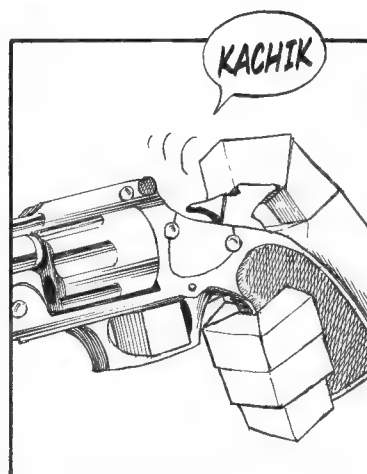


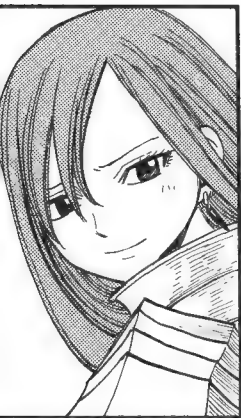
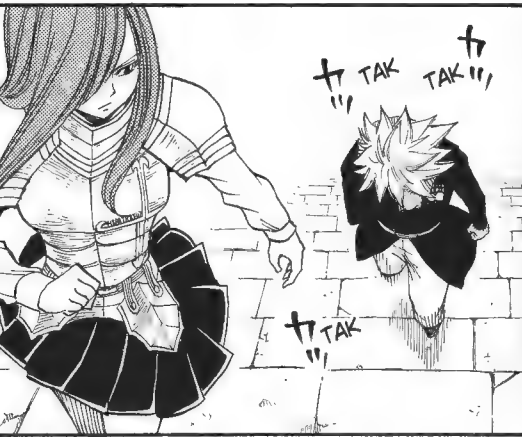


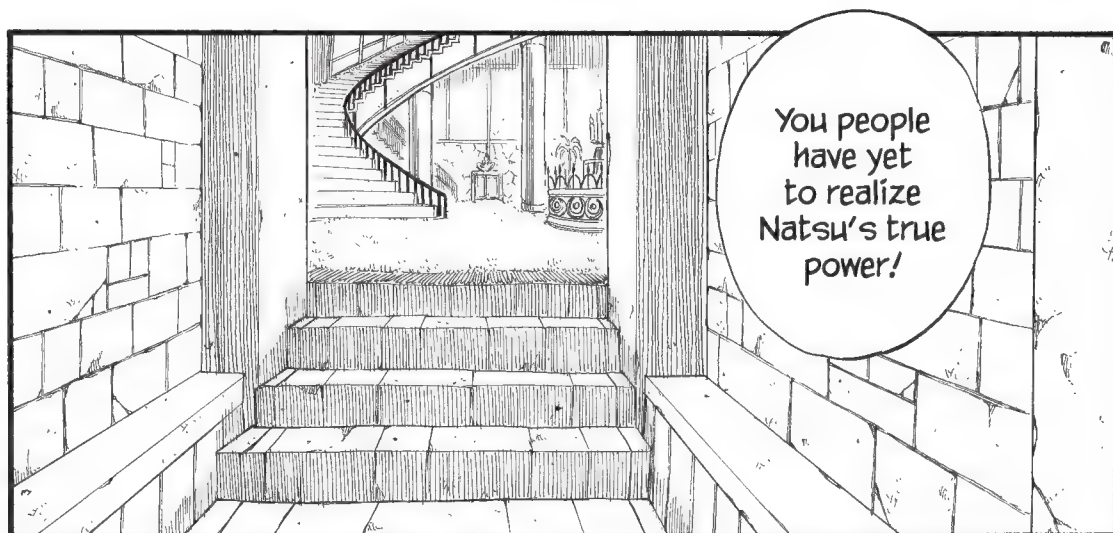
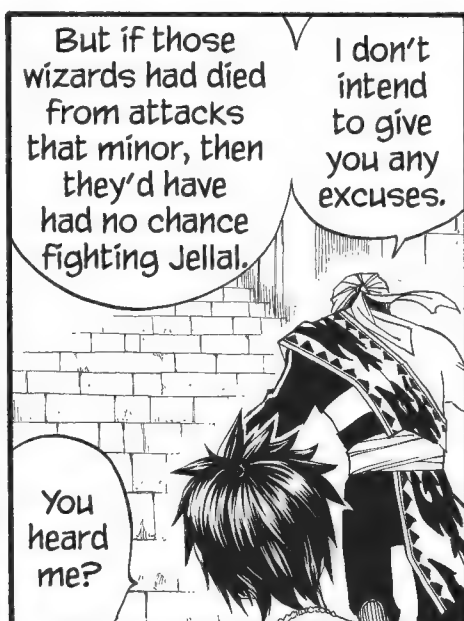
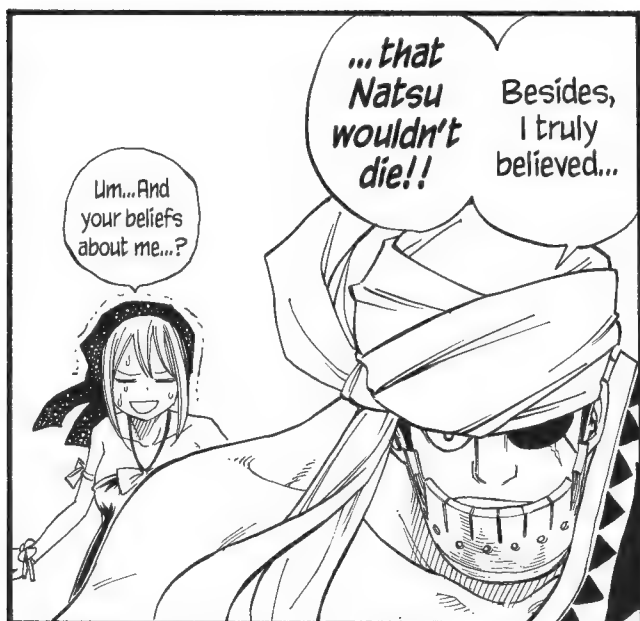
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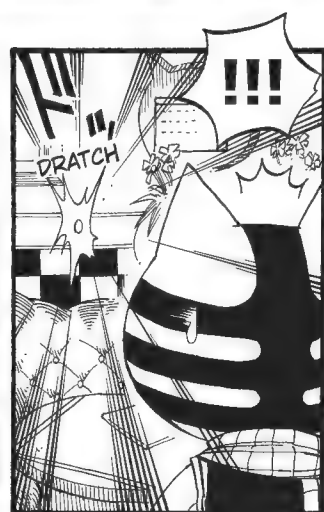
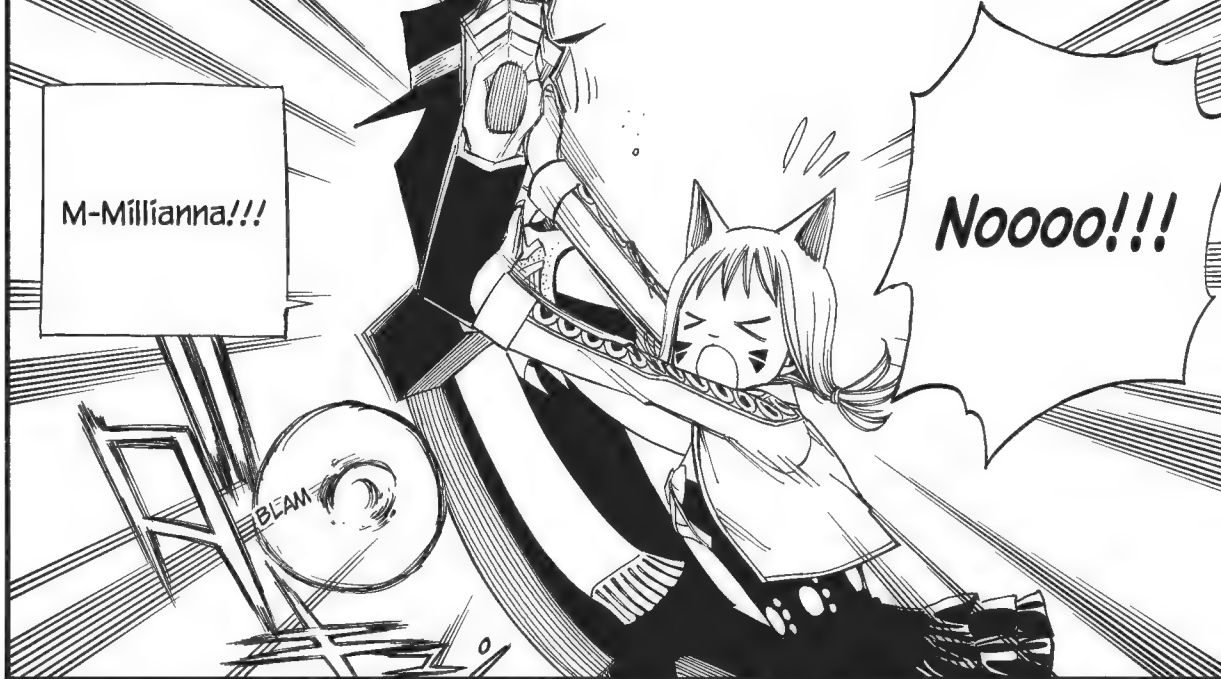














You boxy
creep!!!!

You're
gonna
pay for
what
you did
!!!!



Take
this!!!
Polygon
Attack!!!

Myaa!!

DOM

Get out
of the way,
Millia!!!
He's an
enemy!!!



Whoa!!!

ZU-DM-DM DM-DM



Enemy?

But
he's a
kitty-
kitty!



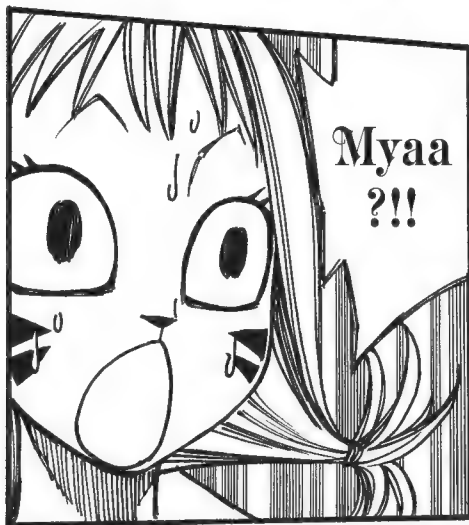
ZOOOF

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Cat
Barrier!!!

Ah ha
ha!!



Myaa
??!



There's
a human
inside
that
mask!!!
Get
it?!!

I told
you that
he isn't a
cat!!!



Hyaah
!!!

Tsk! Now I
see why Jellal
told us to
be careful of
you, boy!

Millia!!!
Back me
up!!!



Cat
Fire!!!

GWOOF

GWOUGH

GWOOF

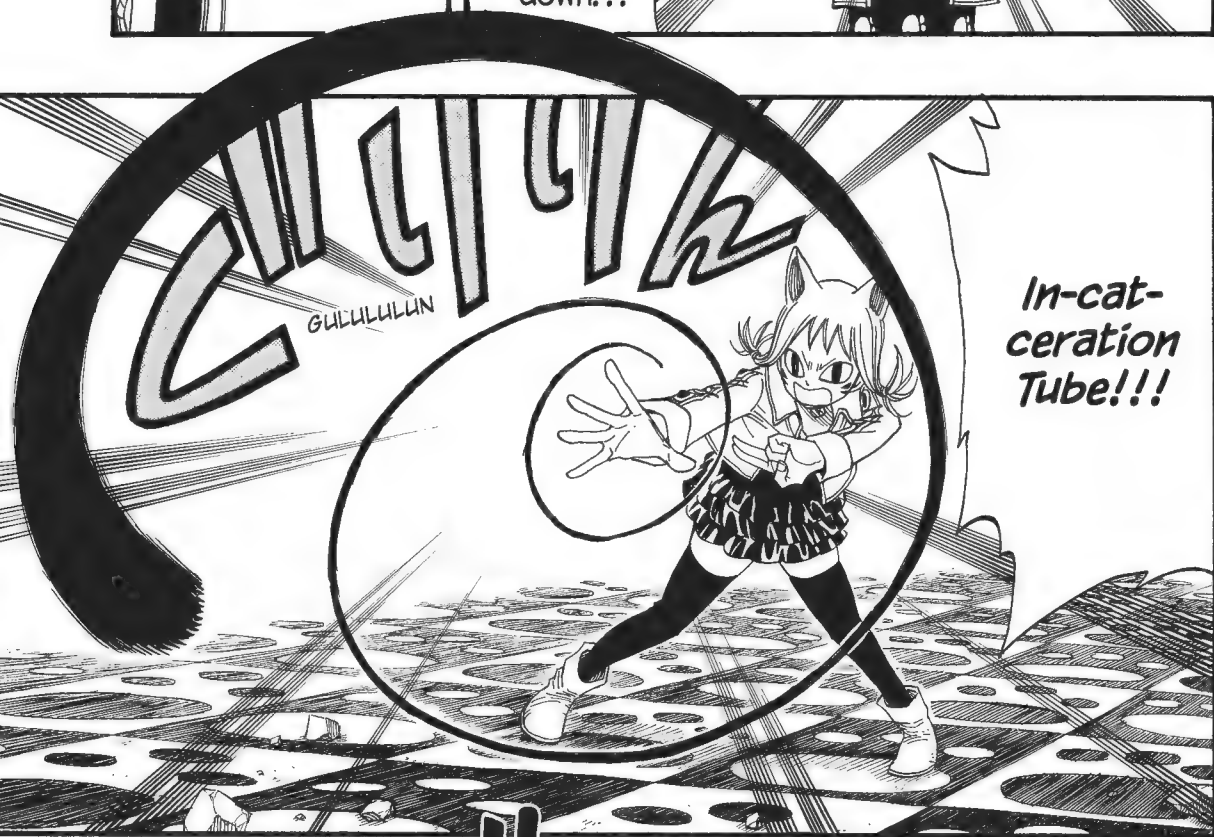
GWOOF



You're a human, but you're trying to pass for a kitty-kitty!!! That leaves me really pumped down!!!



Myaa!!!



Wally, take that fake feline out!!!





Well, it looks like it's all over for you, Salamander.



Now it's time for you to take my Pre-rendering Polygon Shot!!



WIGGLE WIGGLE



Wait!! I almost forgot the Dandy Catch-phrase!!



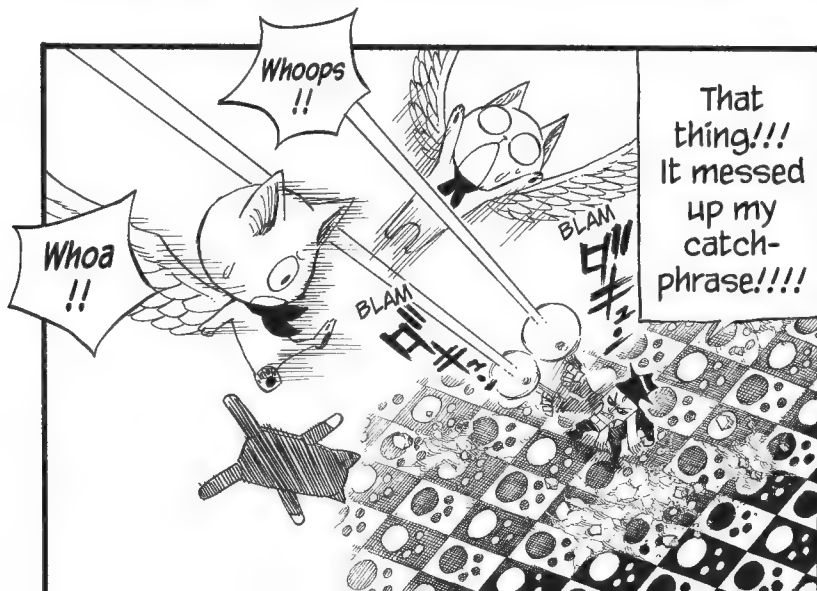
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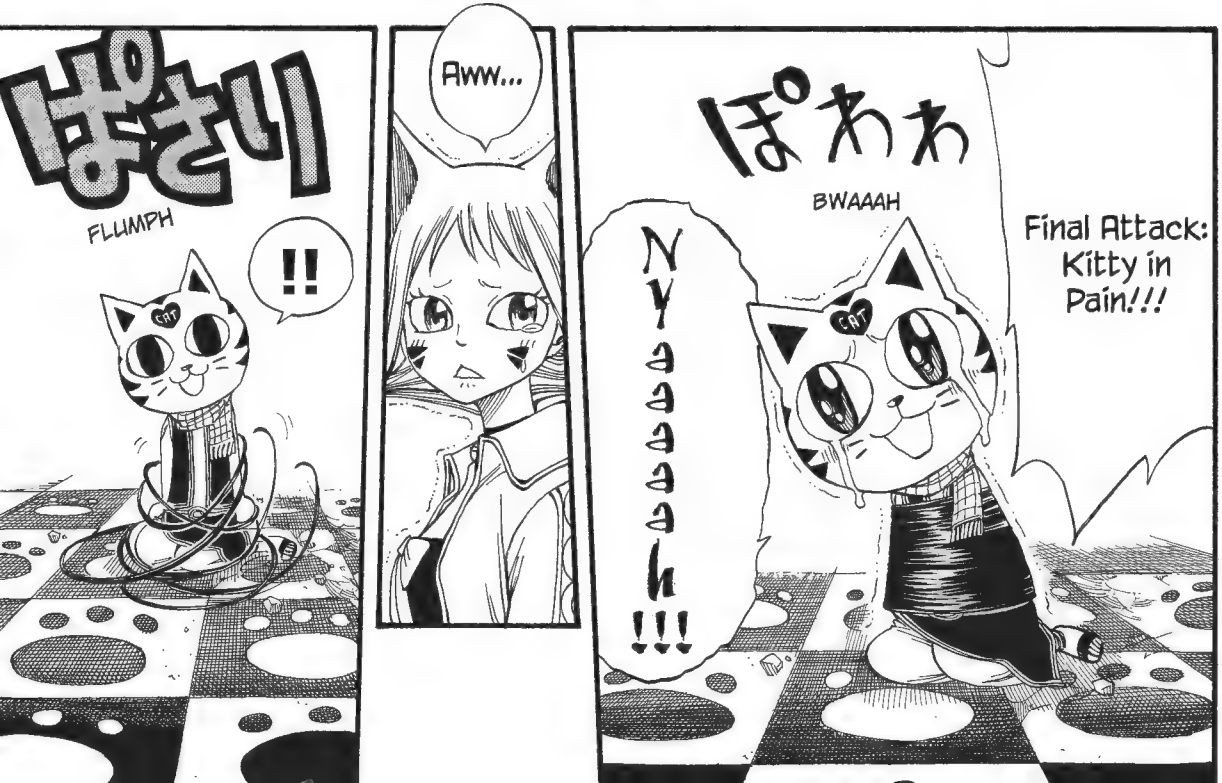
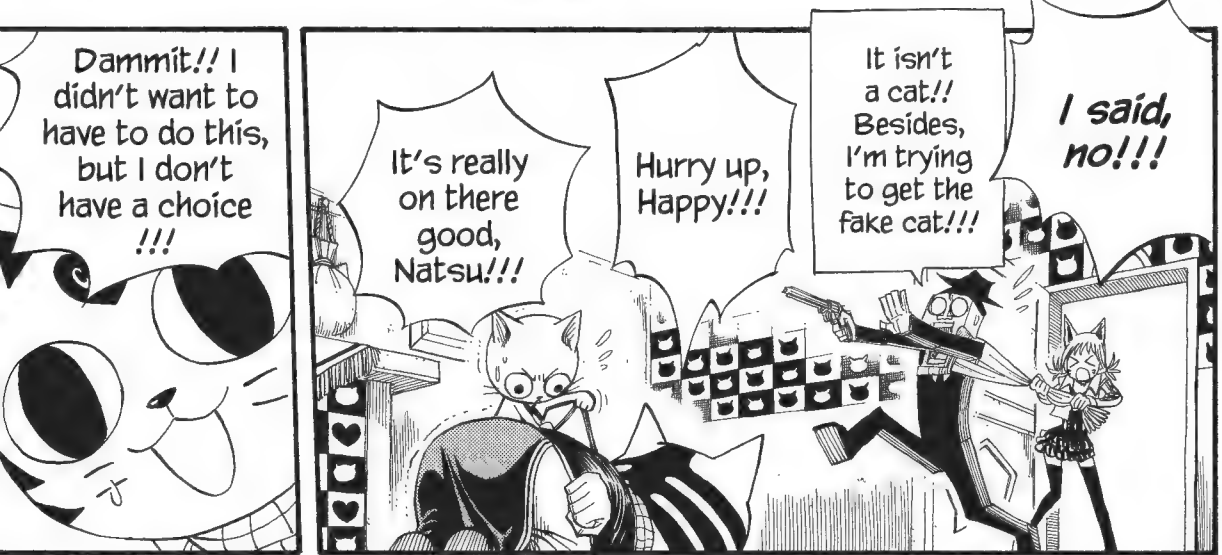
My magic isn't working!! If I take his attack now...



Wally!!! Take him out now!!!









Go,
Natsu!!!



All
right
!!!



How could I
stand by when
a kitty-kitty
was—



What are
you doing,
Millianna
?!!!



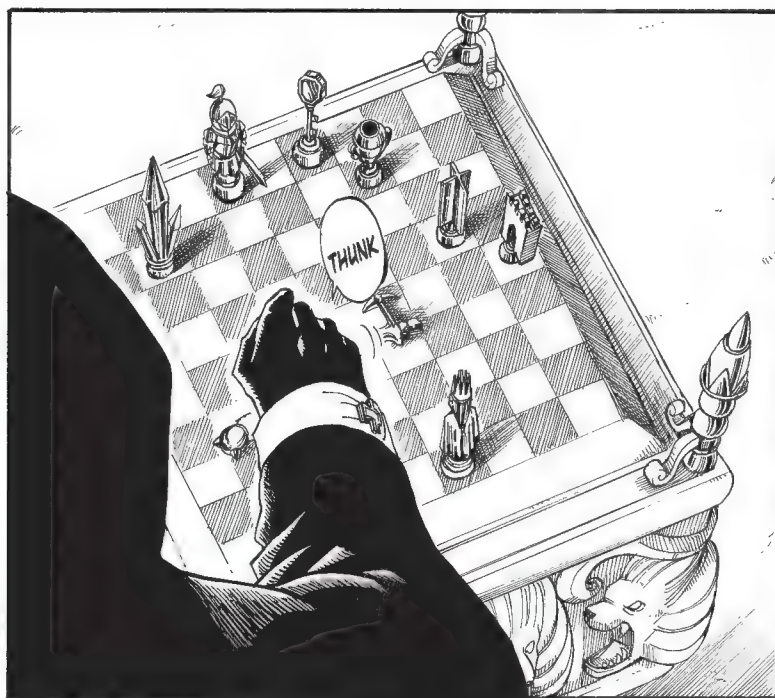
Karyû no
Yokugeki*
!!!!

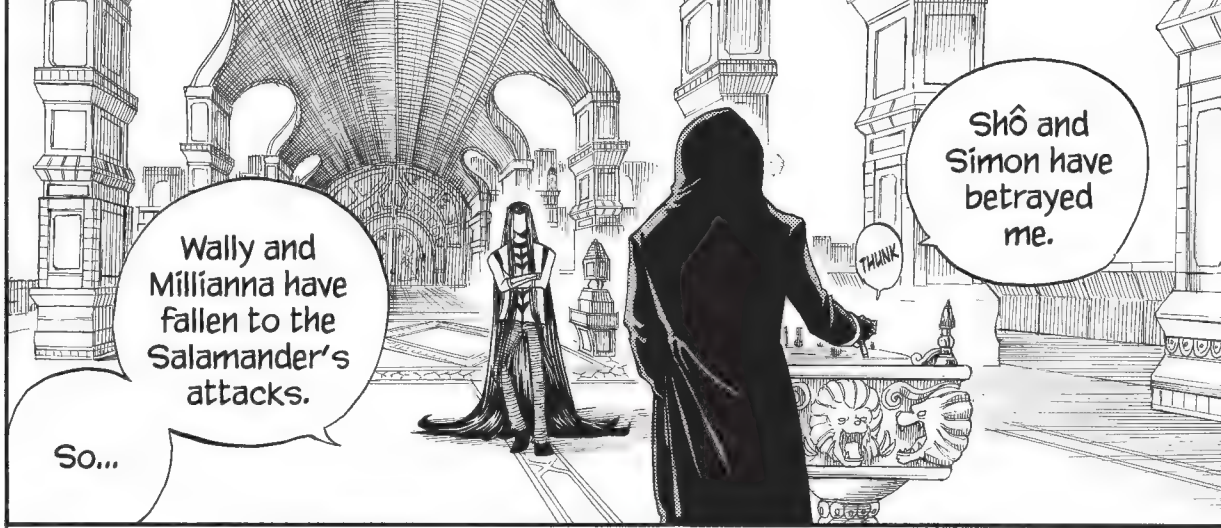
DOO'GAAAGH

*Fire Dragon's Wing
Attack!!!!

Myaa
!!!

Got
it!!!







*It's time to put
you in play.*

*Assassin's
Guild
Death's Head
Caucus
Special Guerilla
Squad...*

*Trinity
Raven!!!!*

Death's
Head
Caucus

DOO'OOM





Hell!!! I'll
show them
the best of
the worst of
Hell!!!!

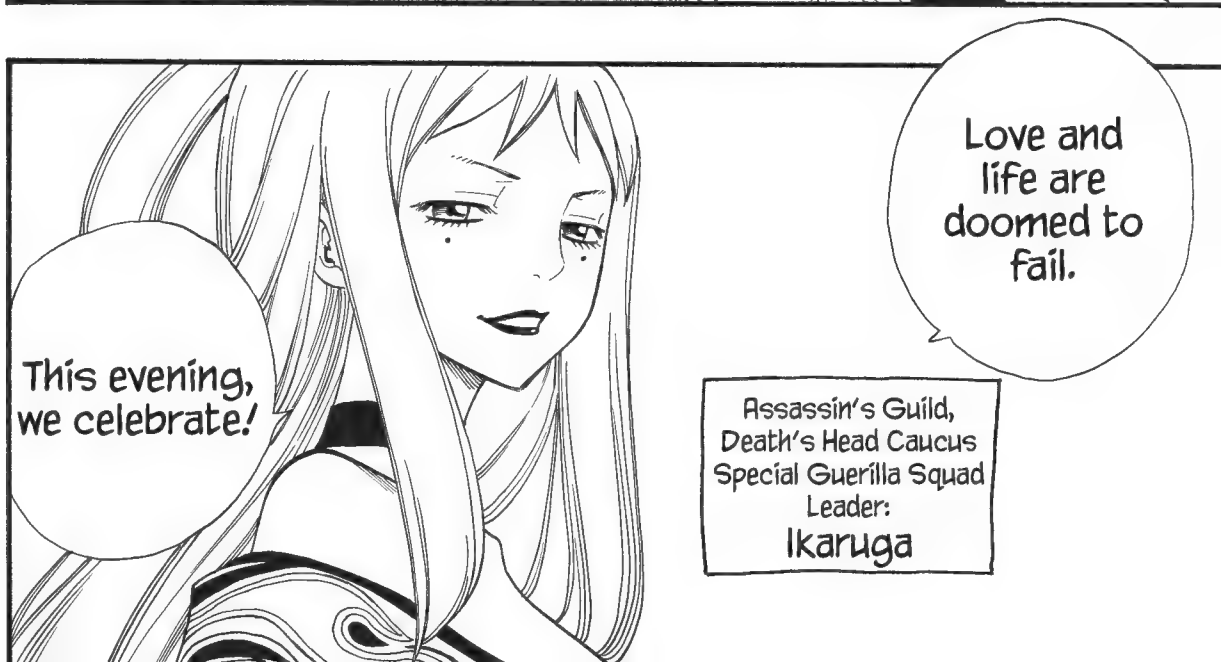
*Go to
Hell!!!!*

Assassin's Guild
Death's Head Caucus:
Vidaldus Taka



Hoo-Hoot.

Assassin's Guild
Death's Head
Caucus:
Fukuro



This evening,
we celebrate!

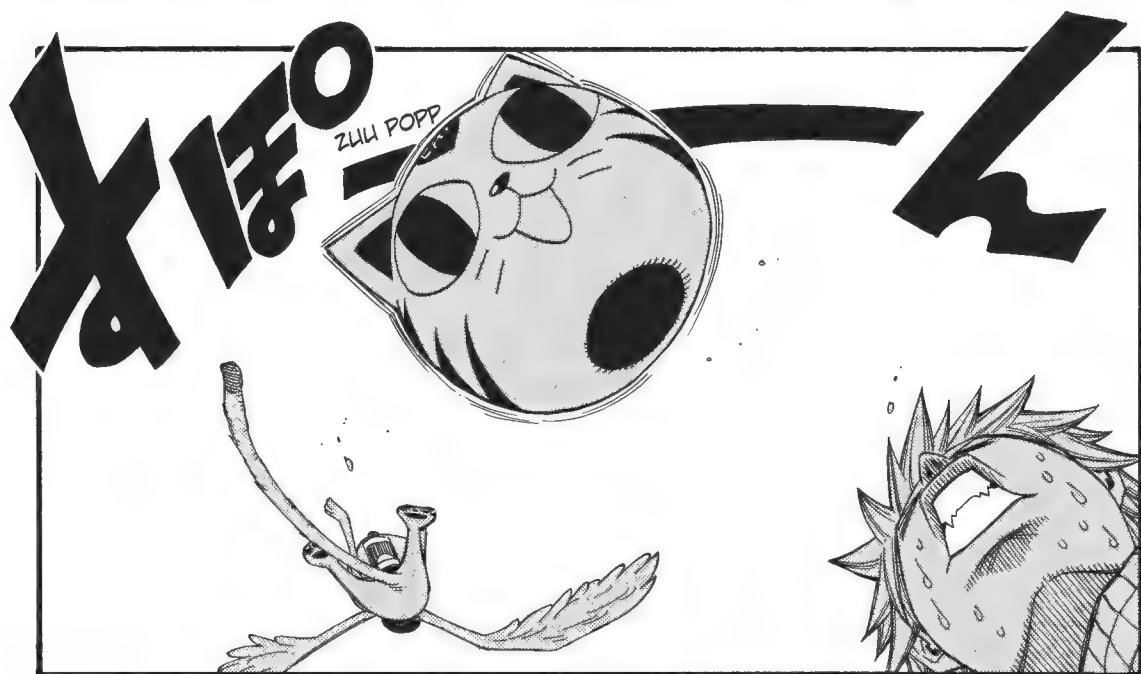
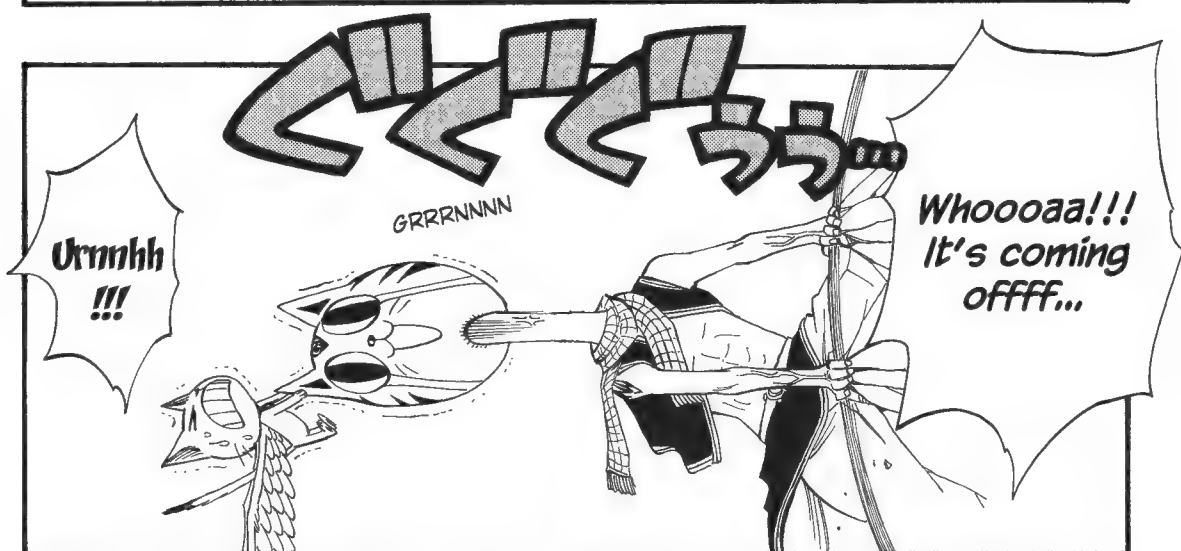
Love and
life are
doomed to
fail.

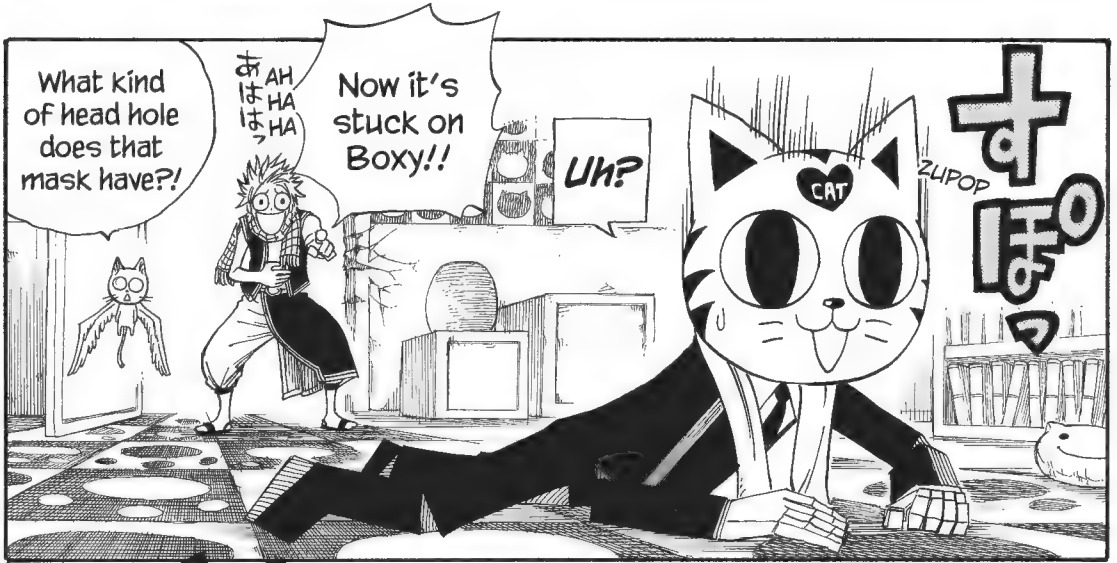
Assassin's Guild,
Death's Head Caucus
Special Guerilla Squad
Leader:
Ikaruga

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Chapter 85: Heaven's Game







We're
going to
Heaven...



You did a
number on
me. I paid
you back.

Now that I
know that
both Erza and
Happy are
okay, there's
no point in
going on with
this.

YEAH
YEAH
うん



...where we
can control
everyone...

the world
of true
freedom
Jellal
told us
about...

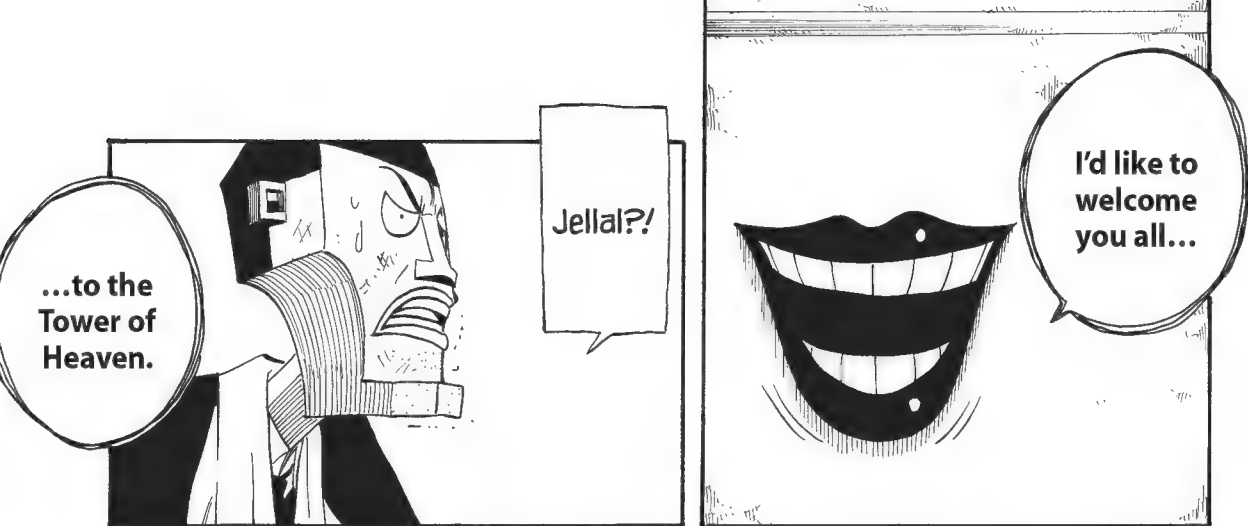


Mouths?
Coming out
of every-
where?

What
is this,
Natsu?!
It's pretty
creepy!!



モア
MWUUP



Let us
begin
Heaven's
game!!!



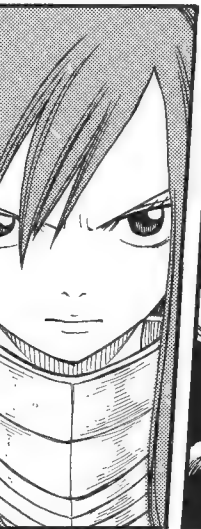


The rules are simple.



Jellal... What's this supposed to mean...?

This is a game?



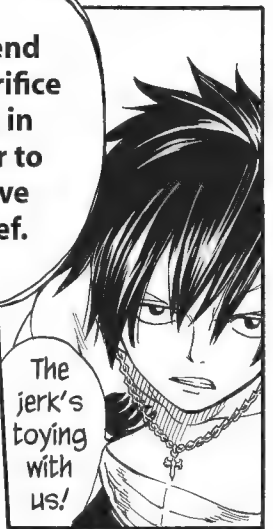
In other words, if the gates of Heaven open, then I win.



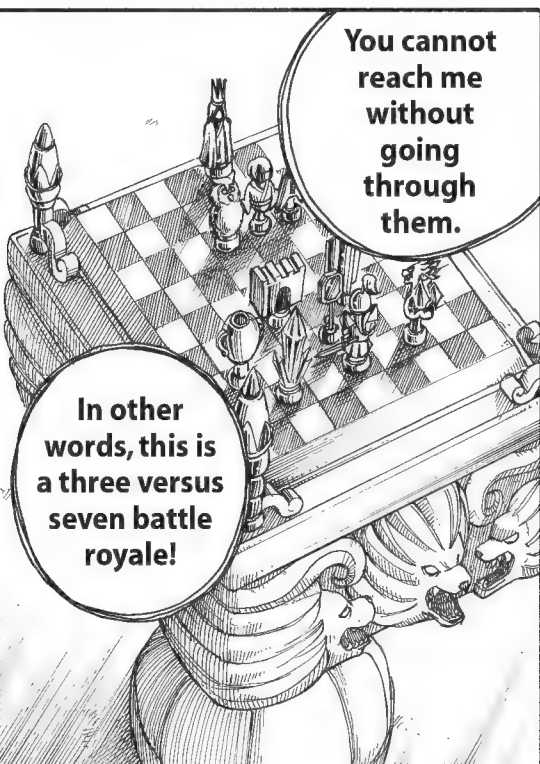
Jellal ...!!!



I intend to sacrifice Erza in order to revive Zeref.



The jerk's toying with us!



You cannot reach me without going through them.

In other words, this is a three versus seven battle royale!



So I have provided myself with three knights.

Still...If it were that simple, it wouldn't be fun!

Who ... ?

Three knights ?



...then you win.

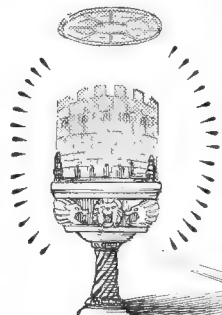
But if you people manage to stop me...



That would be their extremely effective wide-area destruction magic, Etherion.

There is a very real chance that the Council will attack this tower with a satellite square.

Finally, allow me to explain one extra-special rule.



No!!! Reverse it!!! Just the opposite!!!!

It gets me high to be in the middle of the most dangerous job in the world!!!!

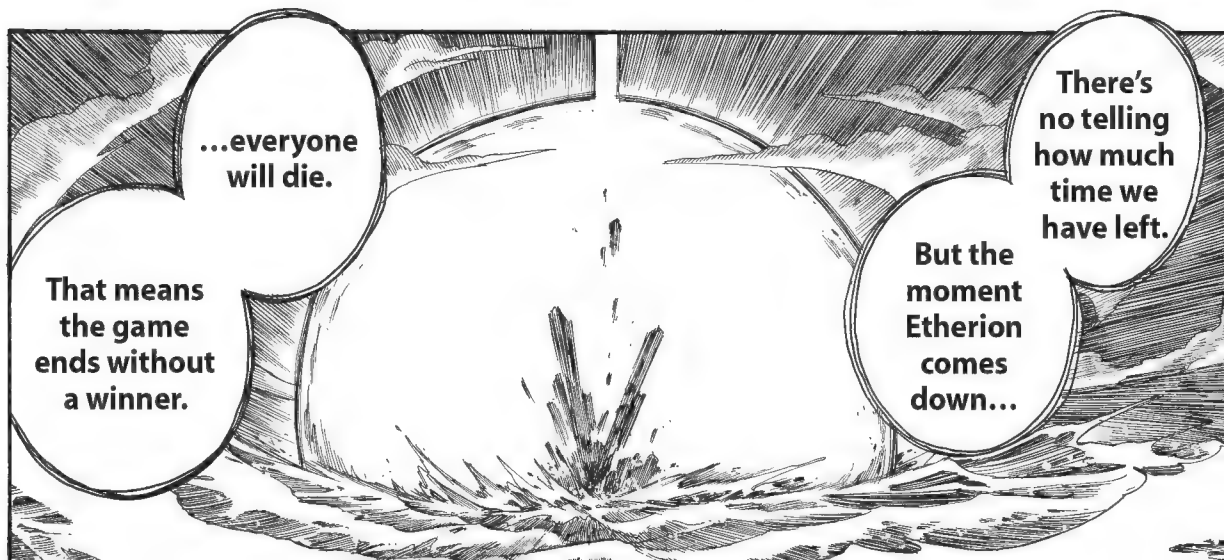
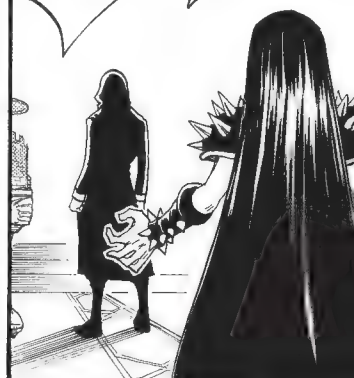
Vidaldus-han? Do I sense cowardice?



ハスミ
TEEHEE

If that comes down, then we're all going straight to Hell!!!

Jellal, you ass!!! You never told us about this!!!

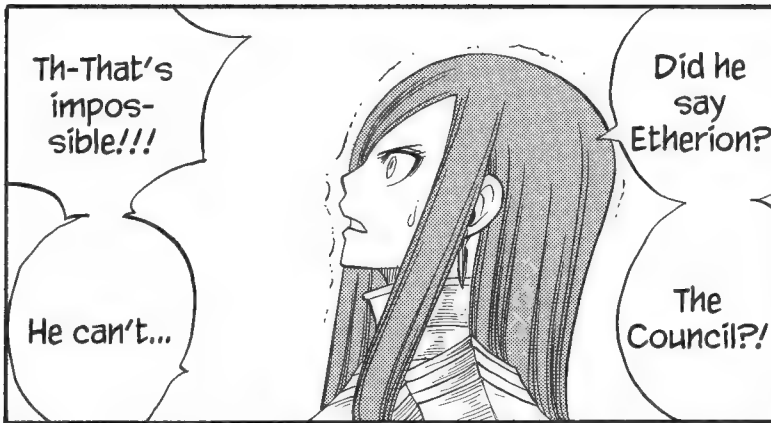


...everyone will die.

That means the game ends without a winner.

There's no telling how much time we have left.

But the moment Etherion comes down...





I will take out Jellal myself!!!

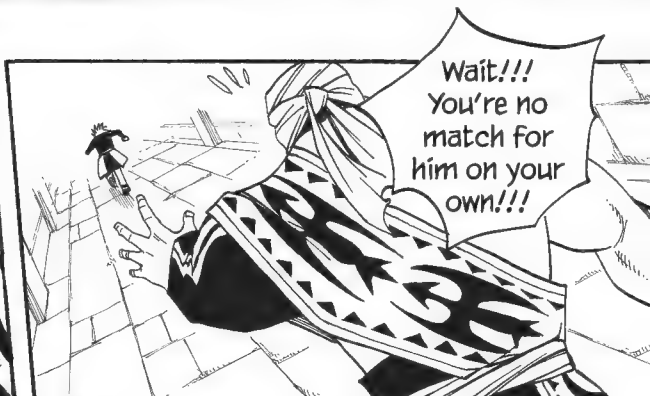
Nobody's going to lay a finger on Sis!!!

H-Hey, Shô!!!



You guys go look for Natsu!!!

Dammit!!! I'll go after Shô!!!



Wait!!! You're no match for him on your own!!!

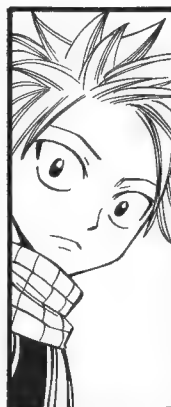


Wait a minute!!! You're sending the weakest wizard off on her own?!!

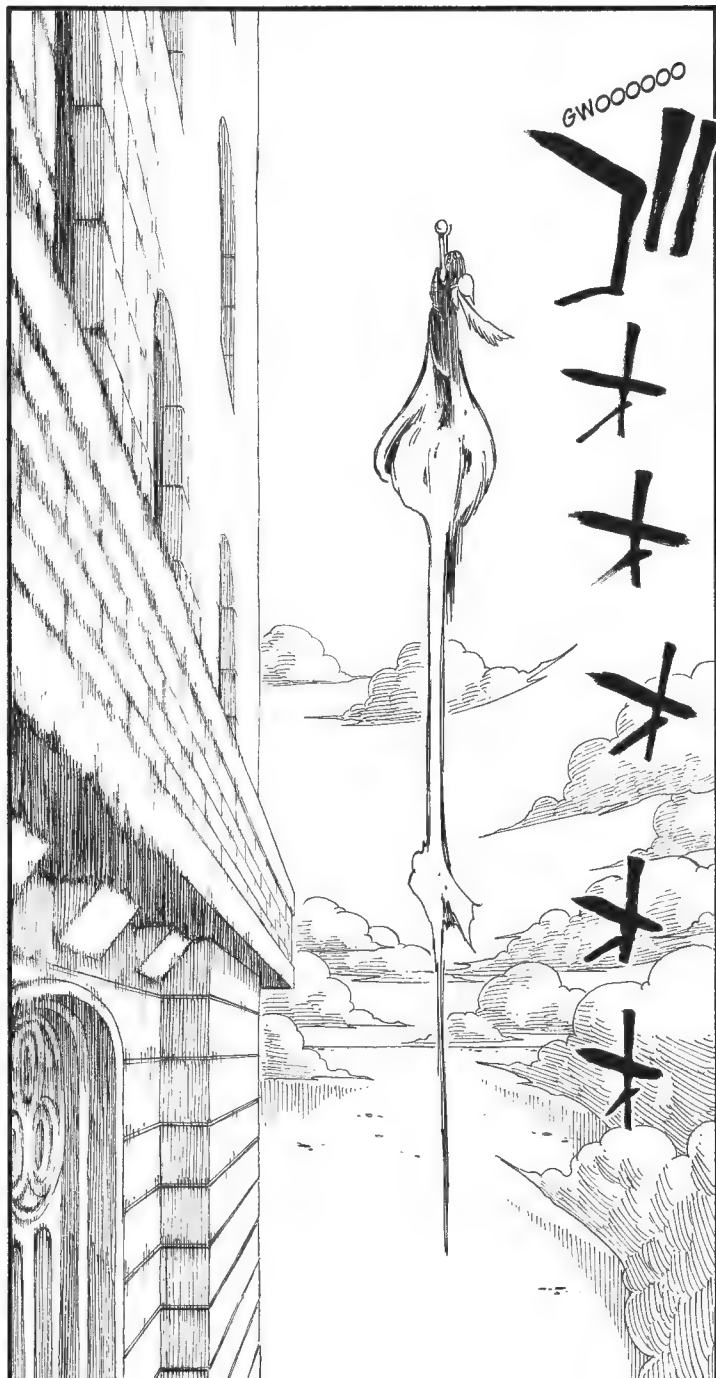
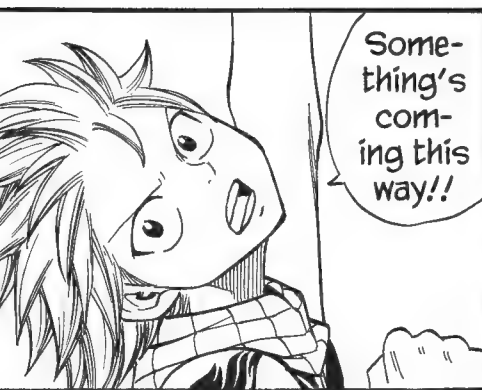
Lucy, you go that way.

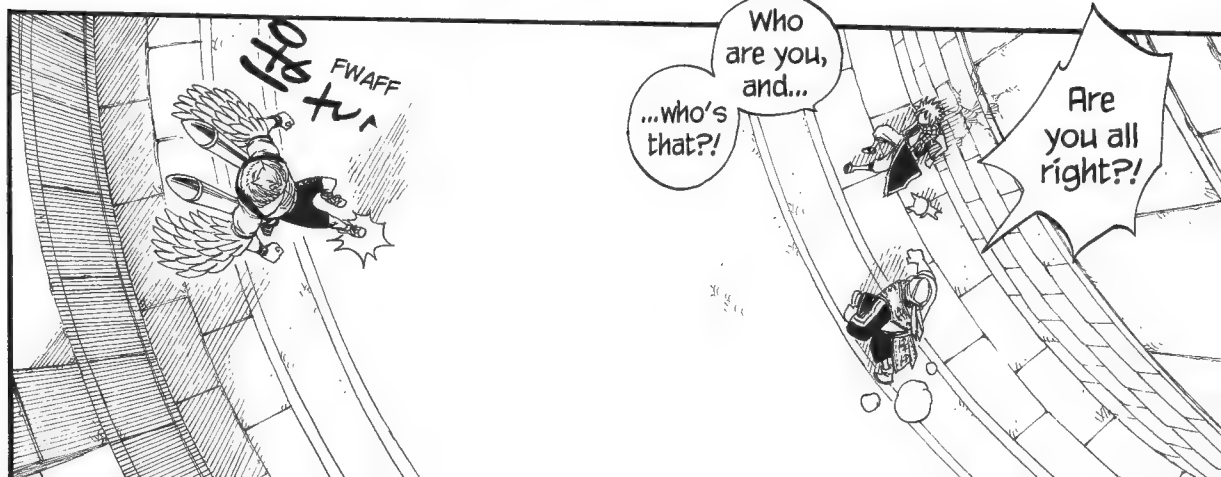
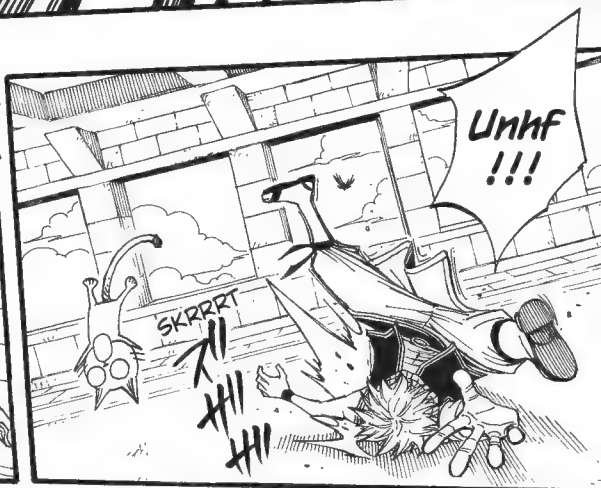
Juvia will go this way with Gray-sama.

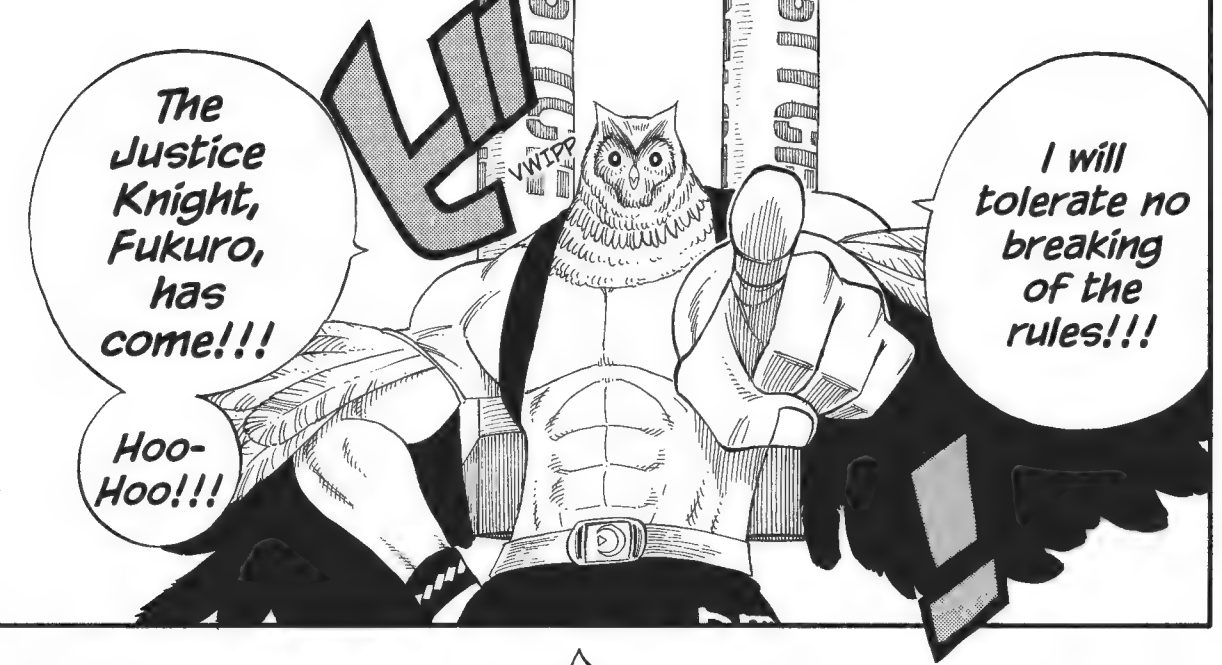
Arrg!!! Why does everybody do this?!!

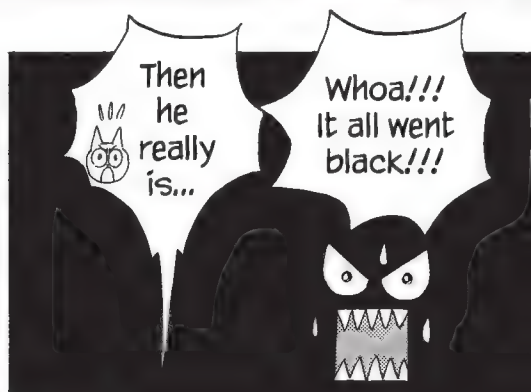
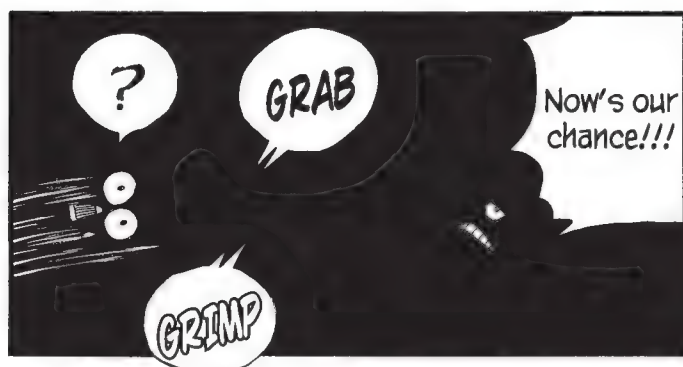
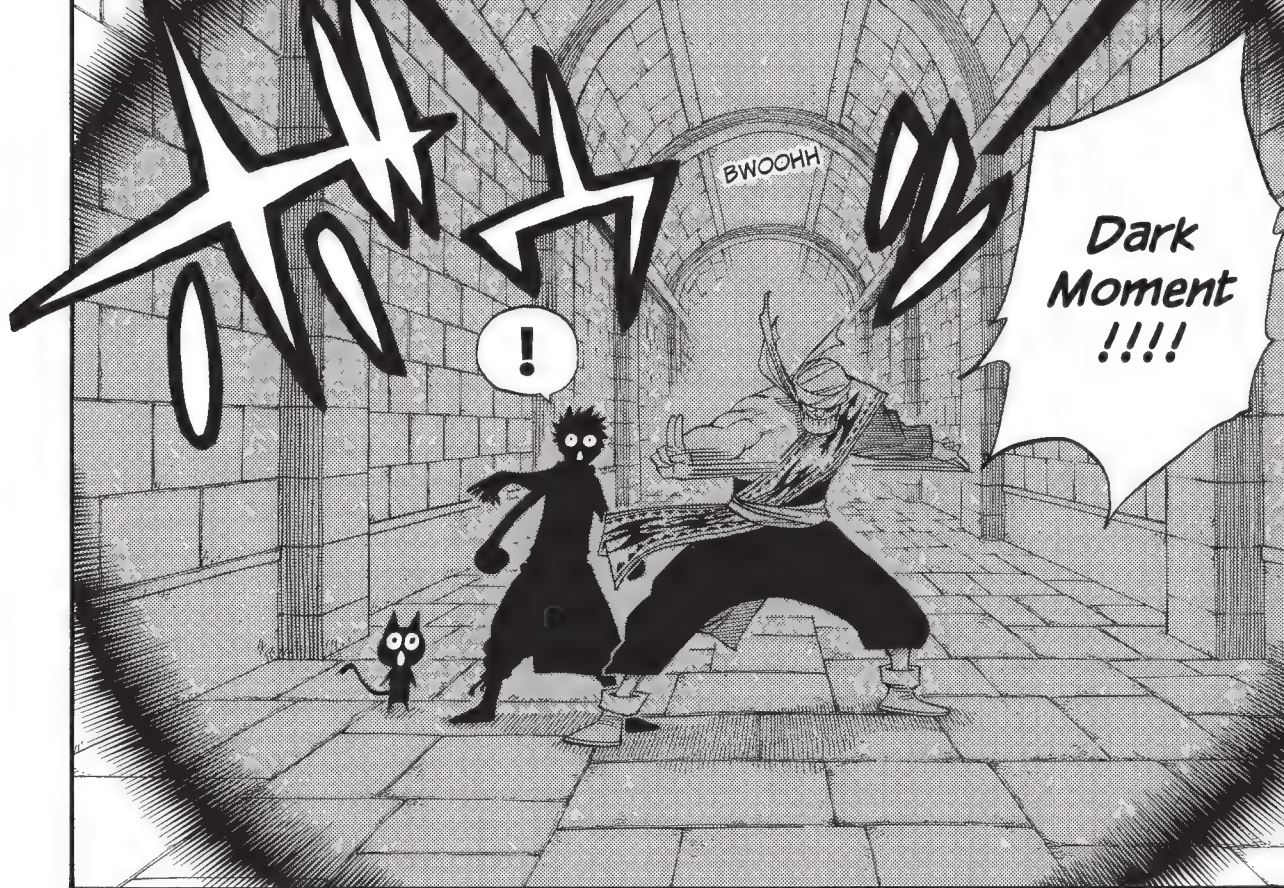




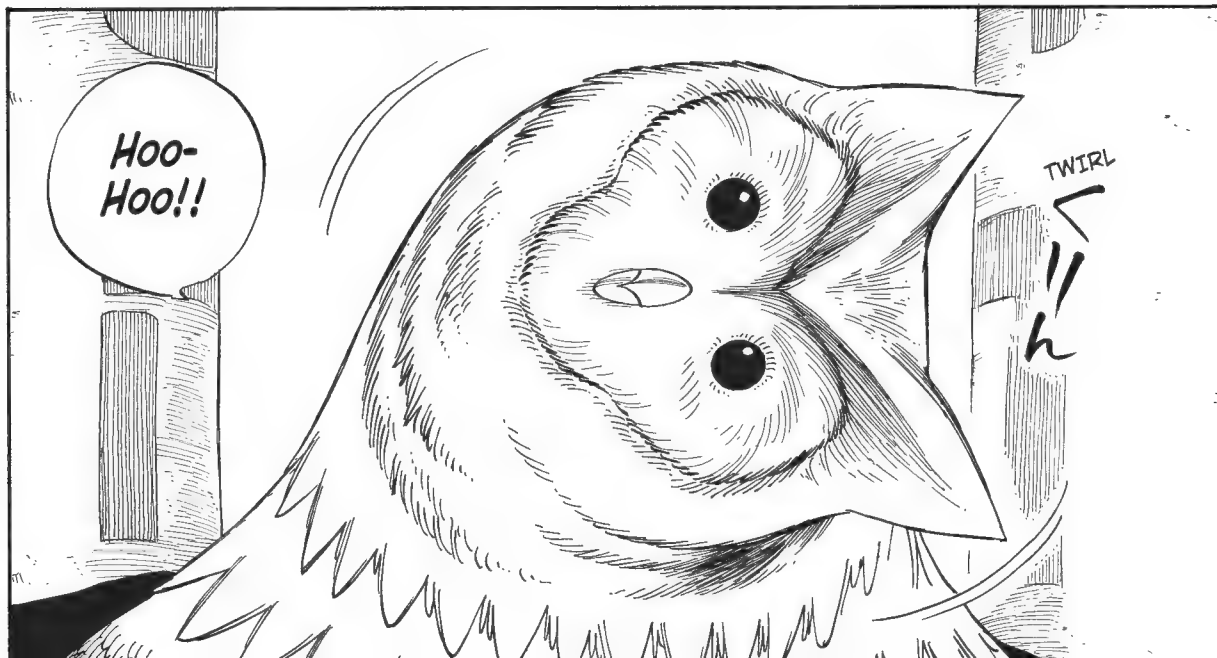
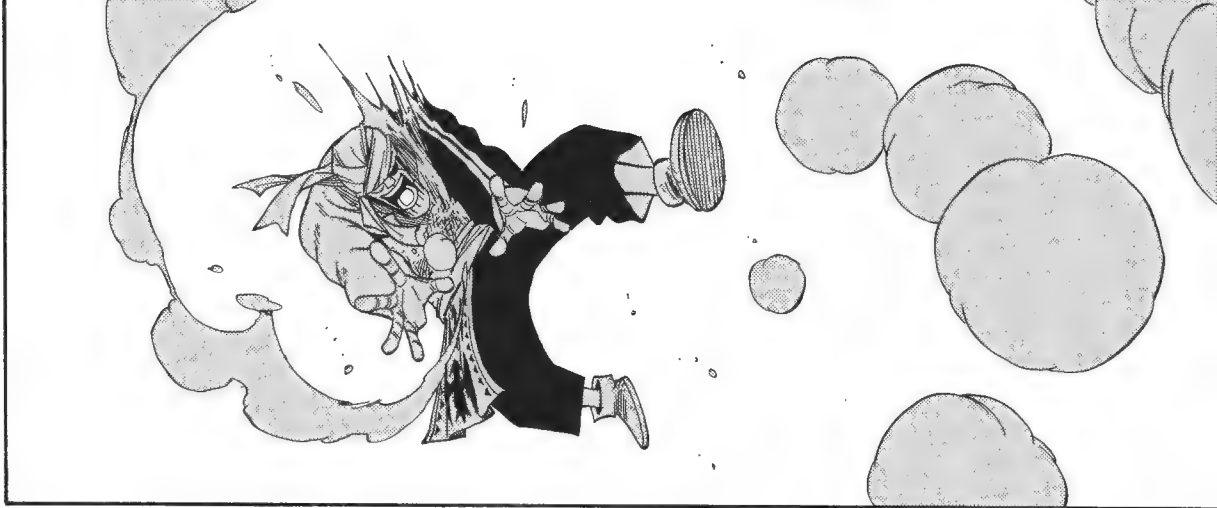


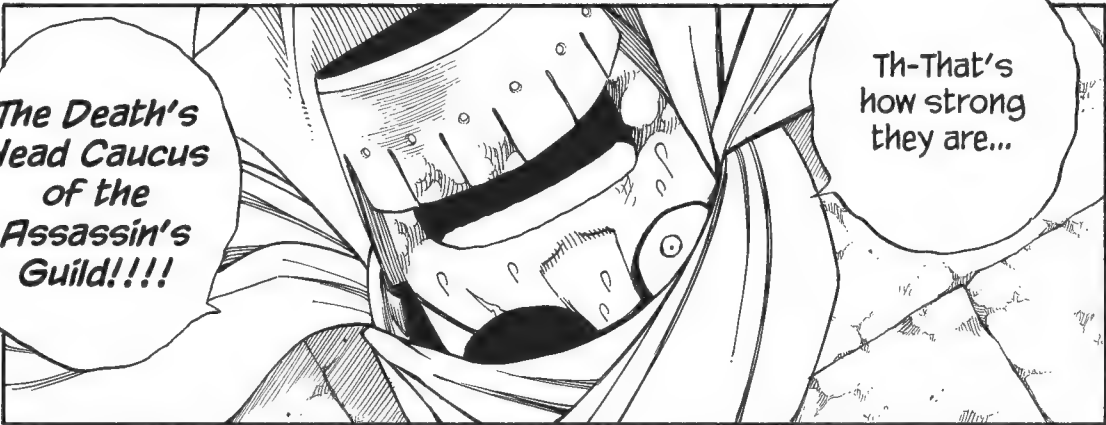











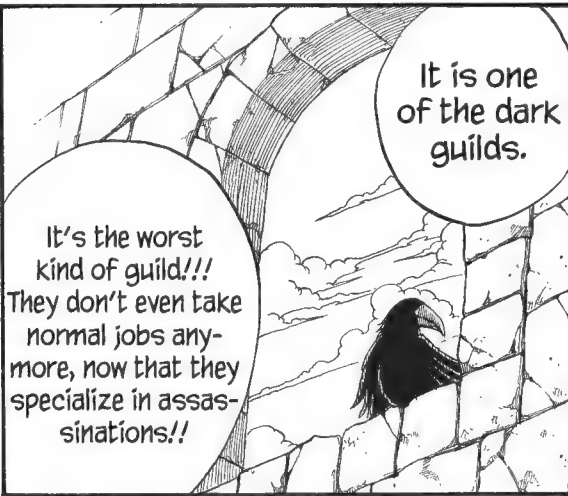


**The Death's
Head Caucus
of the
Assassin's
Guild!!!!**


Th-That's
how strong
they are...




It's the worst
kind of guild!!!
They don't even take
normal jobs any-
more, now that they
specialize in assas-
sinations!!




It is one
of the dark
guilds.



Assassin's
Guild?!!



They are
professional
killers!!! You
mustn't fight
them!!!!

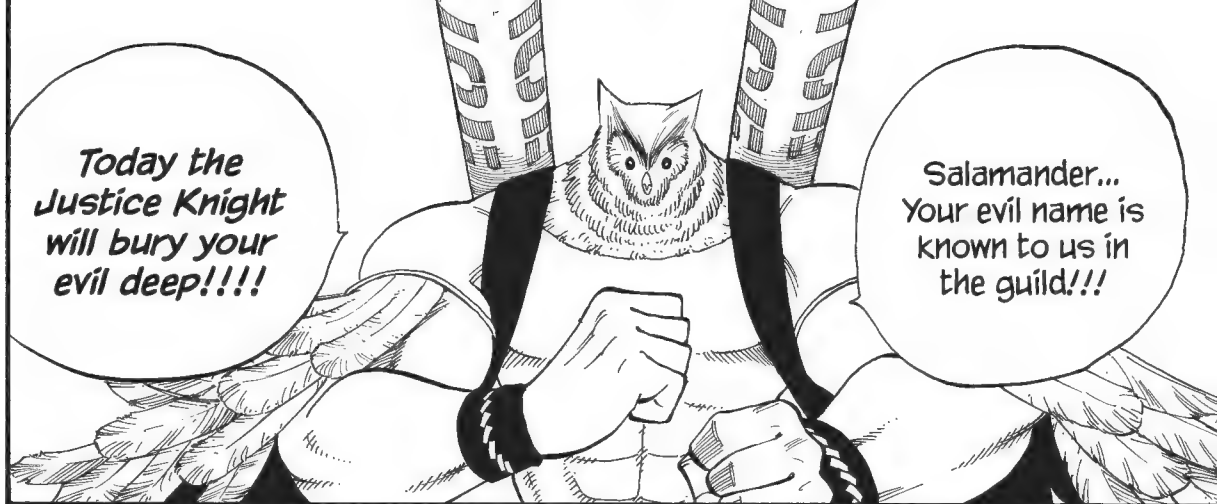


Hoo-Hoo! Evil
must be de-
stroyed!!

And inside the guild
is a three-man team
called Trinity Raven!!
Legend has it that in the
Cabria War, the three of
them alone murdered all
of the commissioned
officers in the western
army!!!

Oh,
no!!!

So he's one
of those three
people...
er...three
birds?



*Today the
Justice Knight
will bury your
evil deep!!!!*

*Salamander...
Your evil name is
known to us in
the guild!!!*



*It's no
place for
taking on
rotten
jobs!!!!*

*A guild is
a gathering
place for
people's
trust and
dreams!!!*

GWOOGH

FAIRY TAIL



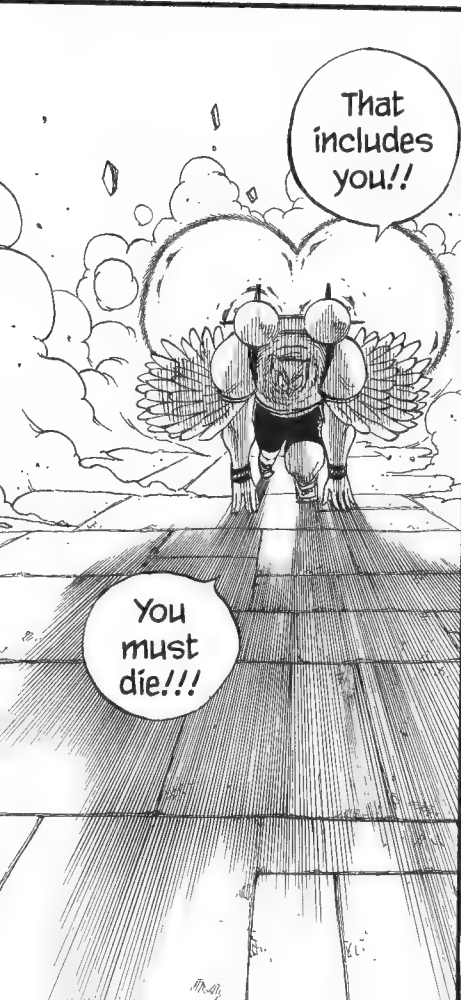
Chapter 86: Rock of Succubus





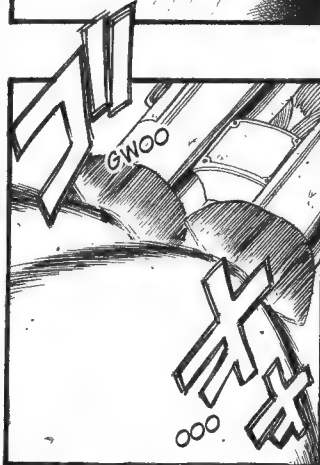
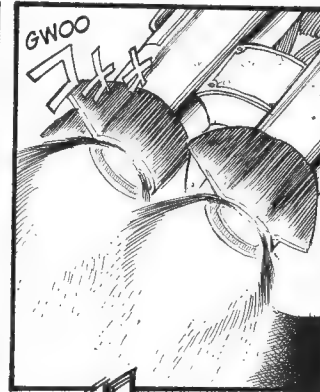
Come
at me,
bird!!!!

I don't like
it, so I'm
going to
take you
down!!!!



That
includes
you!!

You
must
die!!!



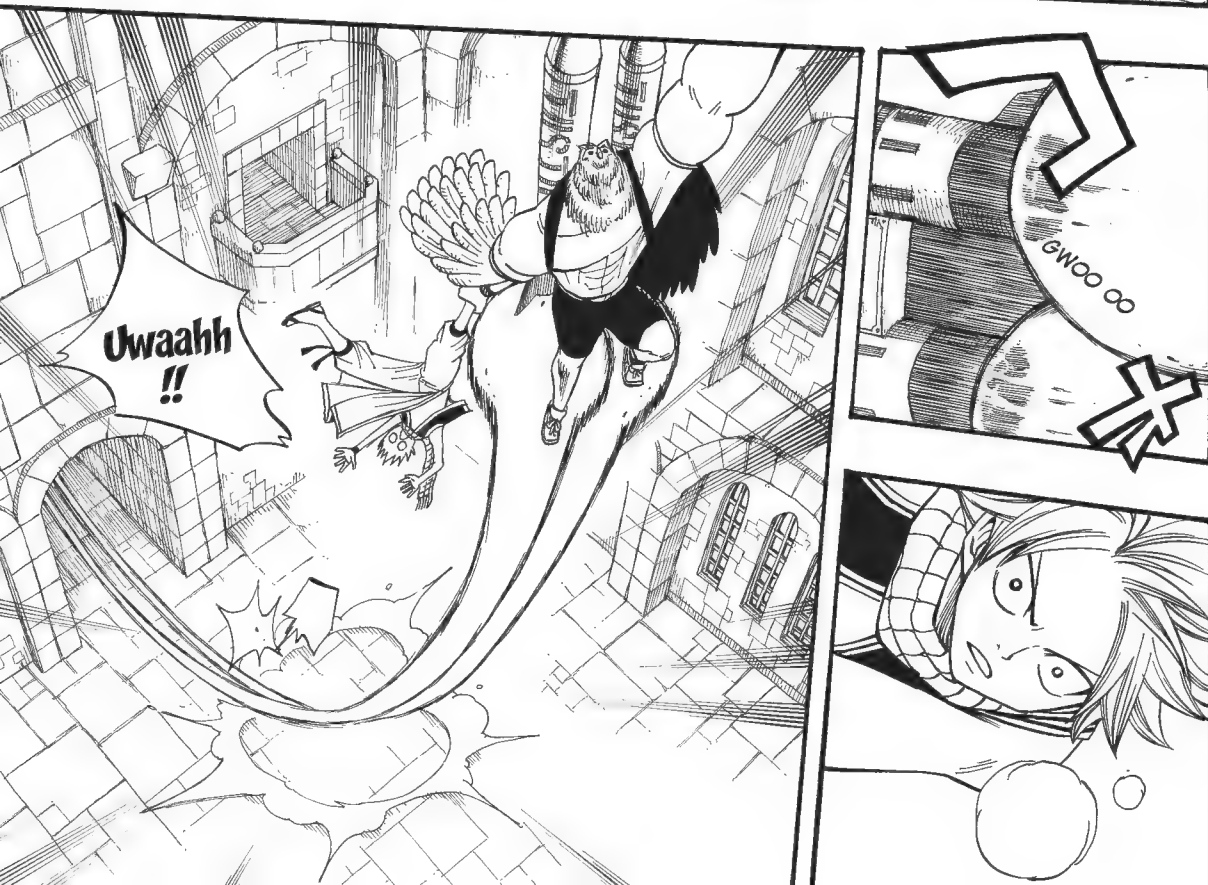
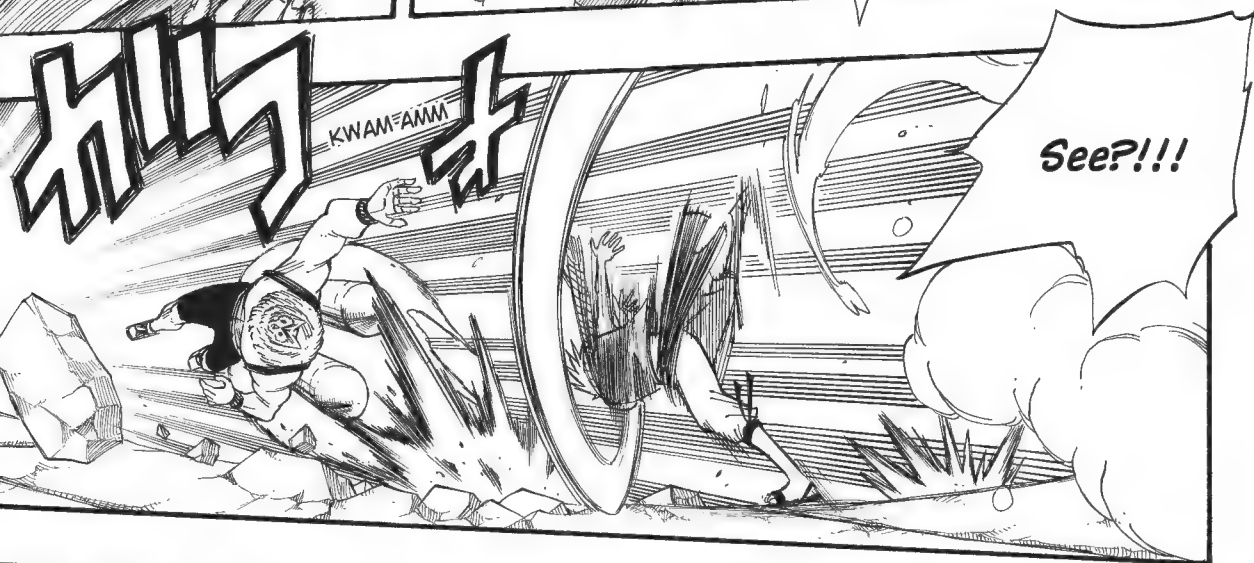
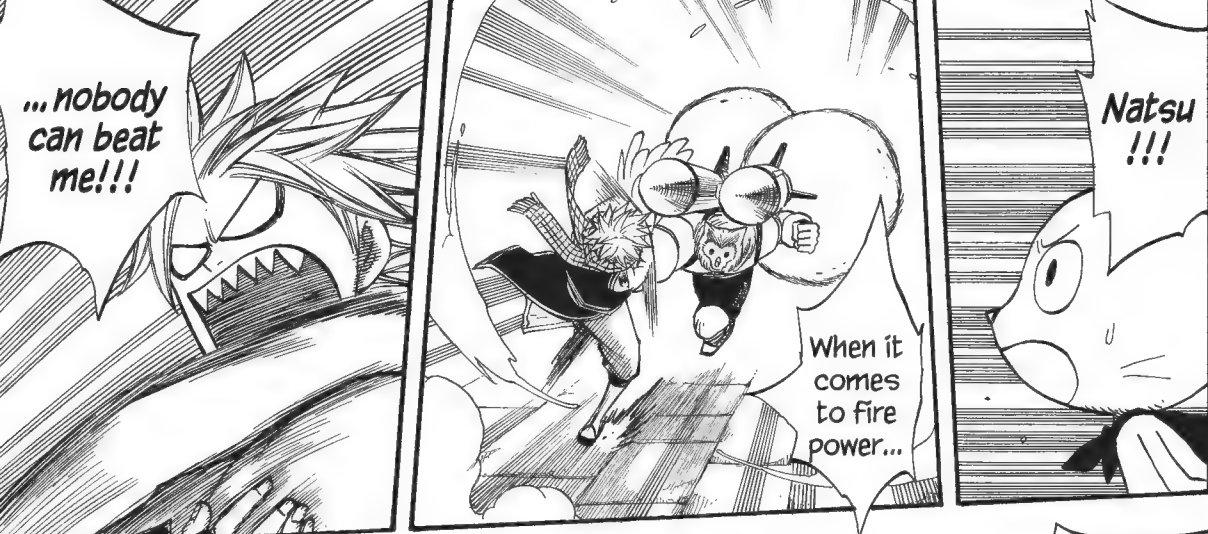
Young
Salamander,
there is evil in
the world that
should not be
allowed to live!!

Hoo-
Hoo!!

*Jet
Hoo-
Hoo-
Hoo
!!!!*

VWOOM

ZLMM





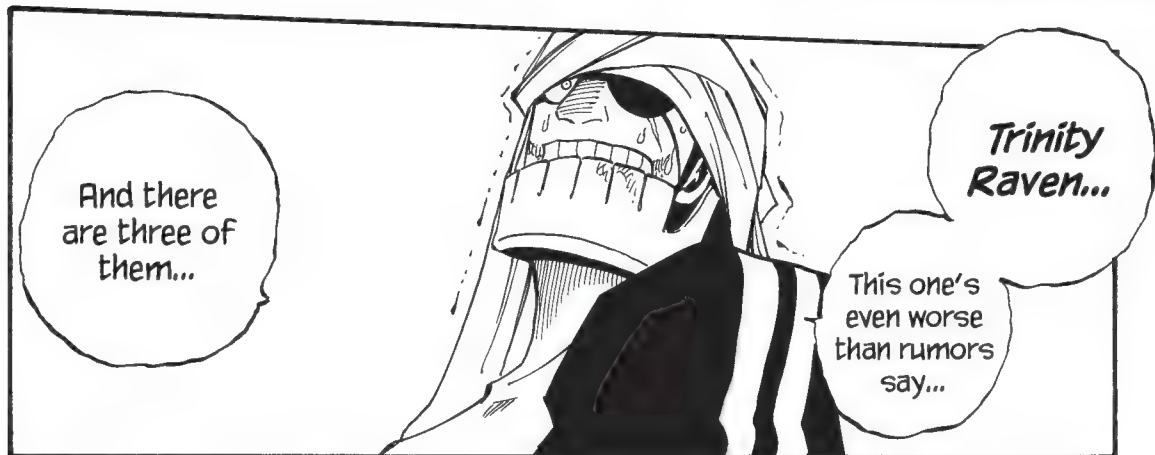
I haven't had
a difficult job
in a while, but
you...

Hoo-
hoo!!

Hoo-hoo!!
You're
a pretty
tough guy!!



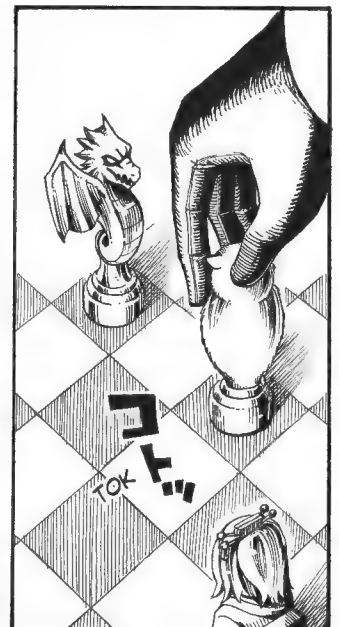
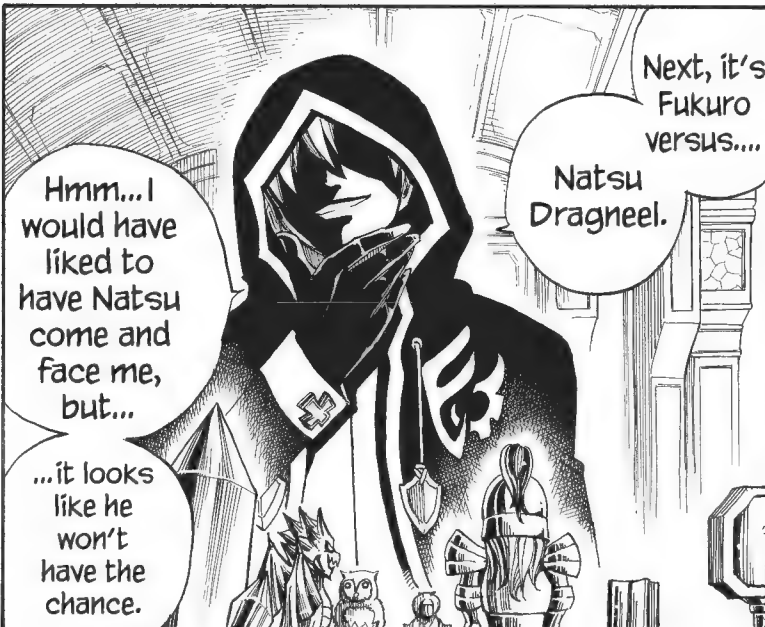
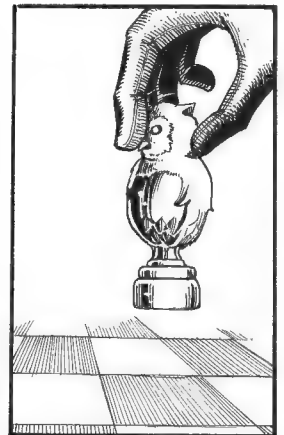
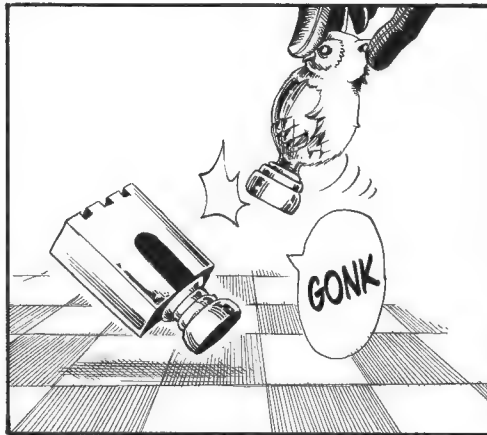
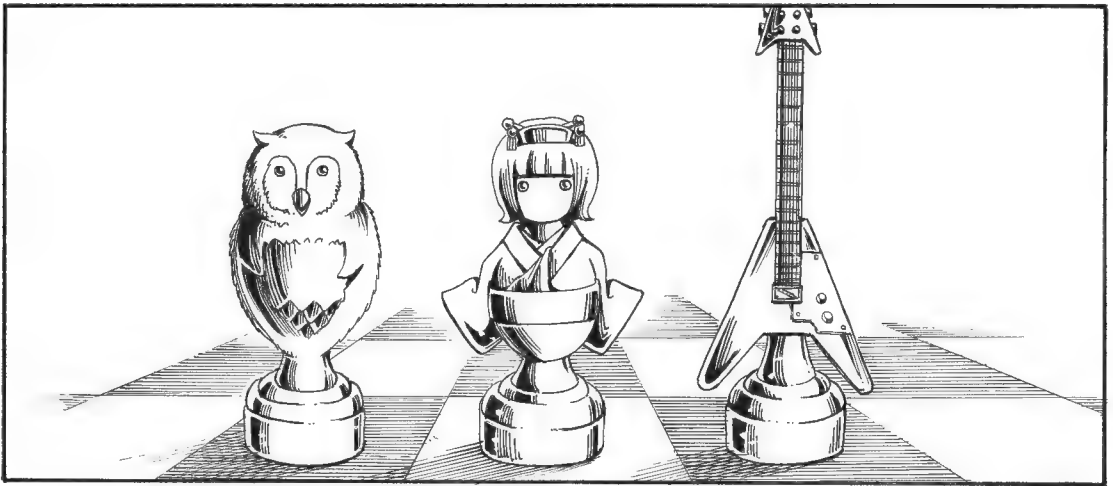
That
hurt!!!

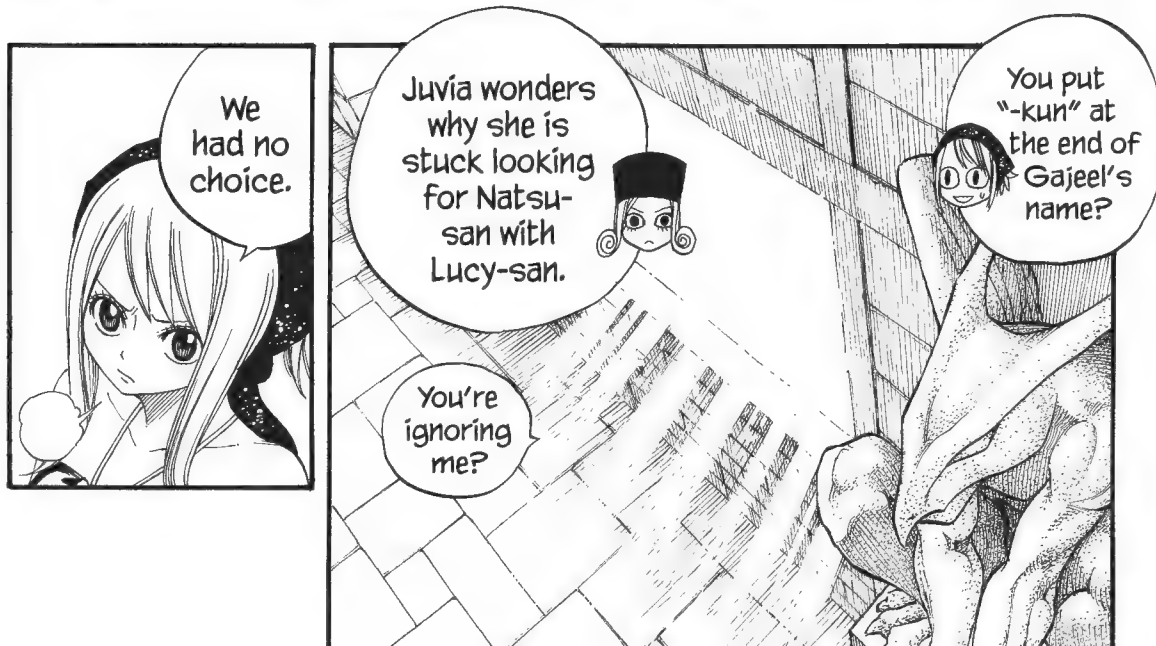
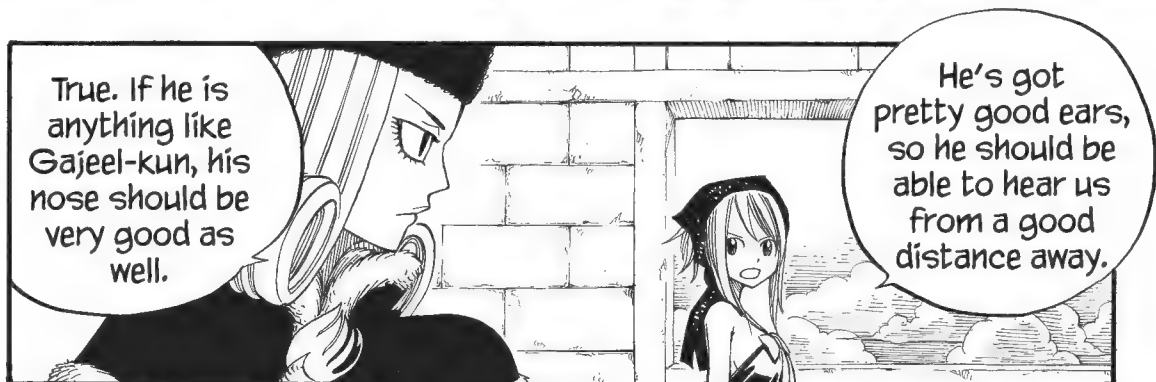


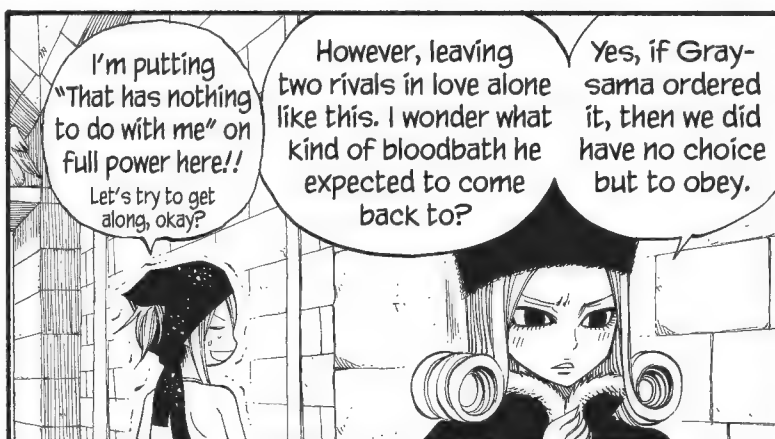
And there
are three of
them...

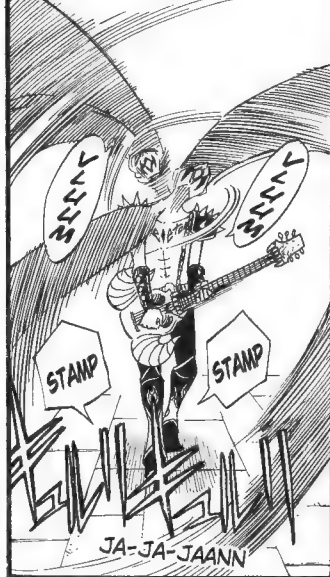
*Trinity
Raven...*

This one's
even worse
than rumors
say...





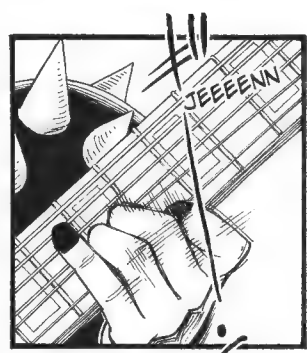






Destroyer!!!
Ow!!!!

This is one
hell of a
concert!!!



The
Assassin's
Guild,
Death's Head
Caucus!!!

Dig it?/
That's a
skull!!
Doesn't that
name just
kill you?!



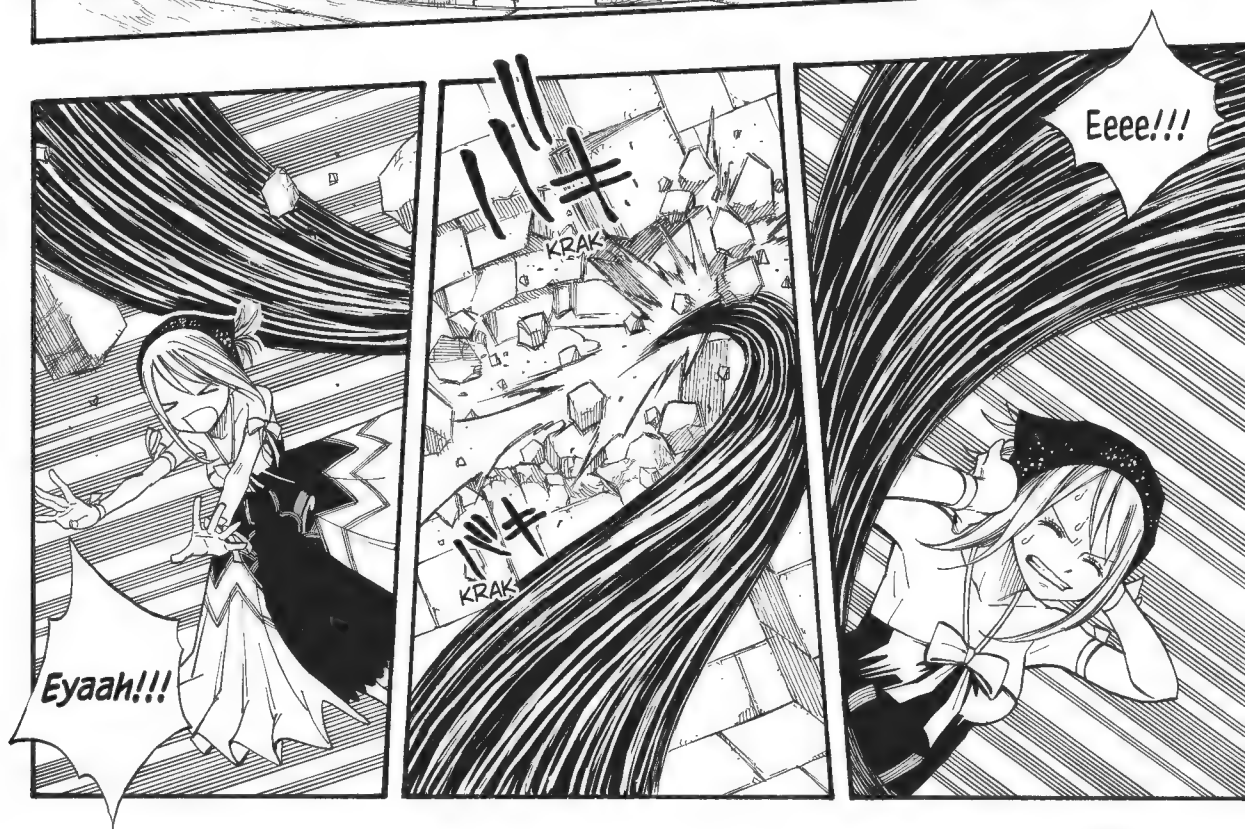
Is this one
of the three
knights that
Jellal spoke
of?

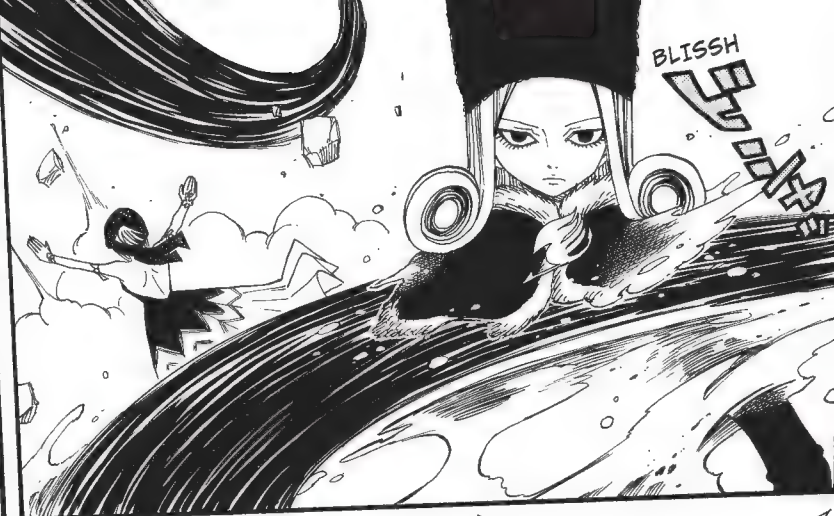
Man, that
guy's got
long hair!!!

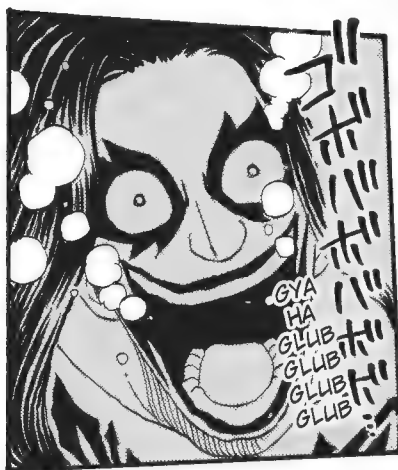
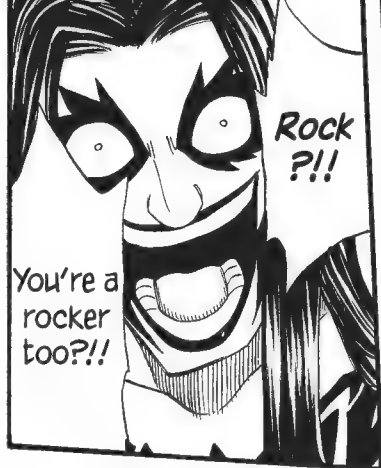


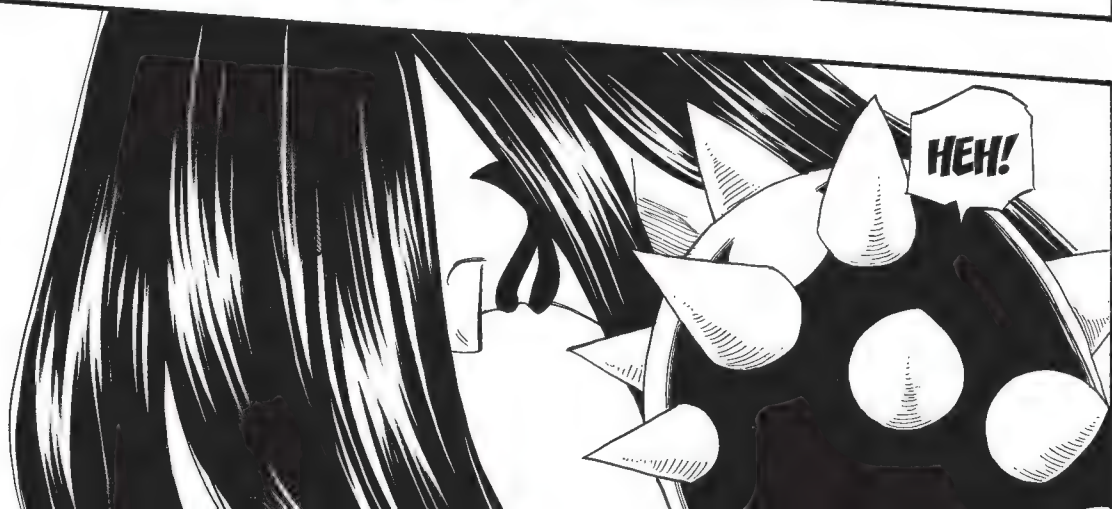
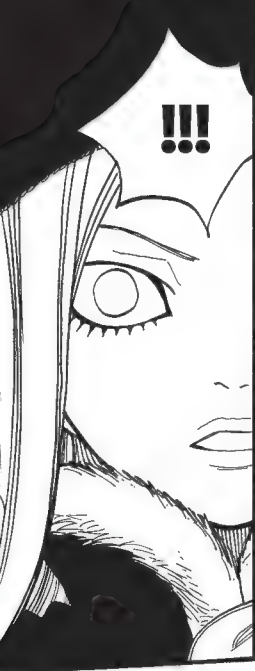
When they
scream
"Vidaldus
Taka"
they're
talkin'
about
me!!!!

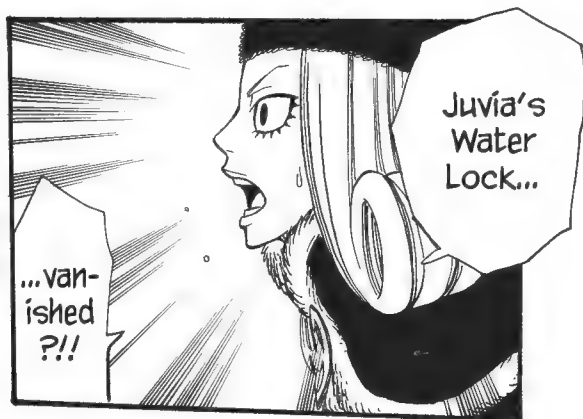
I am one
wing of
the Trinity
Raven!!!







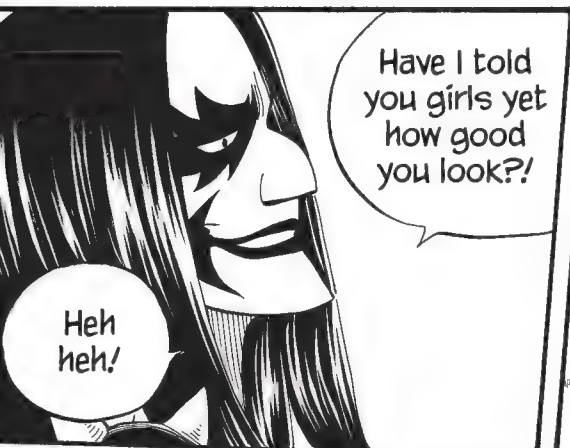






But I never
use alcohol or
oils on it!! They
damage the
luster!!

*My hair can
suck up
any liquid
matter!!*



Have I told
you girls yet
how good
you look?!

Heh
heh!



You're
kid-
ding...

Water...
can't
affect
him?



It's
to
going
be...



...to send to
the devil...

But which
one shall
I choose...

SWIP SWIP
すす
SWIP

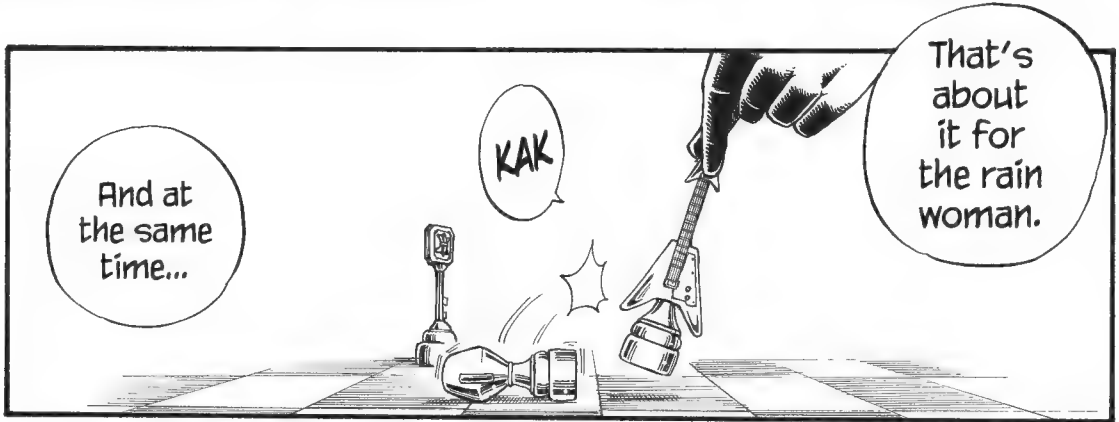
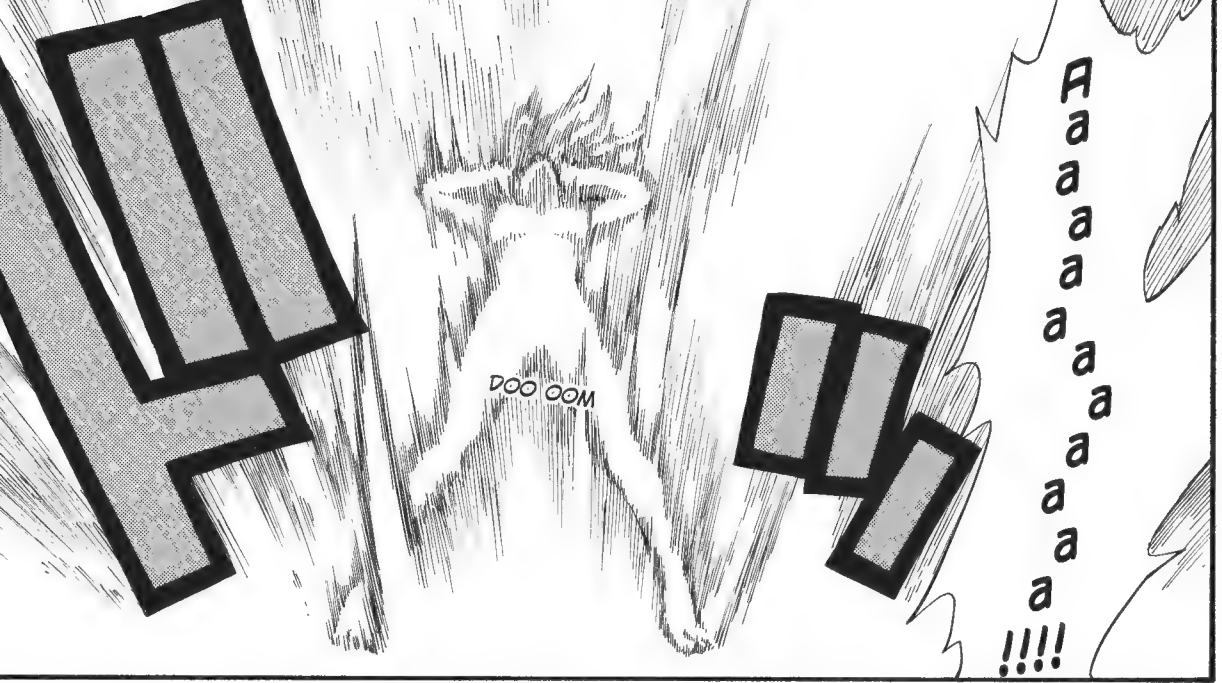


Here it
is again!!
The usual!!

Wh-What
are you
saying?

Whenever
they call
you cute,
it's the
start of
trouble!!







KYA HA HA HA

≠≠≠≠≠≠≠≠

Hell!!
Hell!!!
Hell!!!!!!

I'm going
to show
you the
best of
the worst
of Hell,
you big
sow!!!!

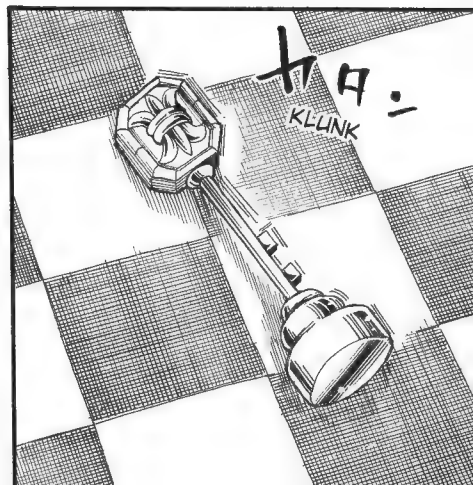


Wha...? What
happened to
you?!

Juvia...?



And the
celestial
magic girl
is out!!

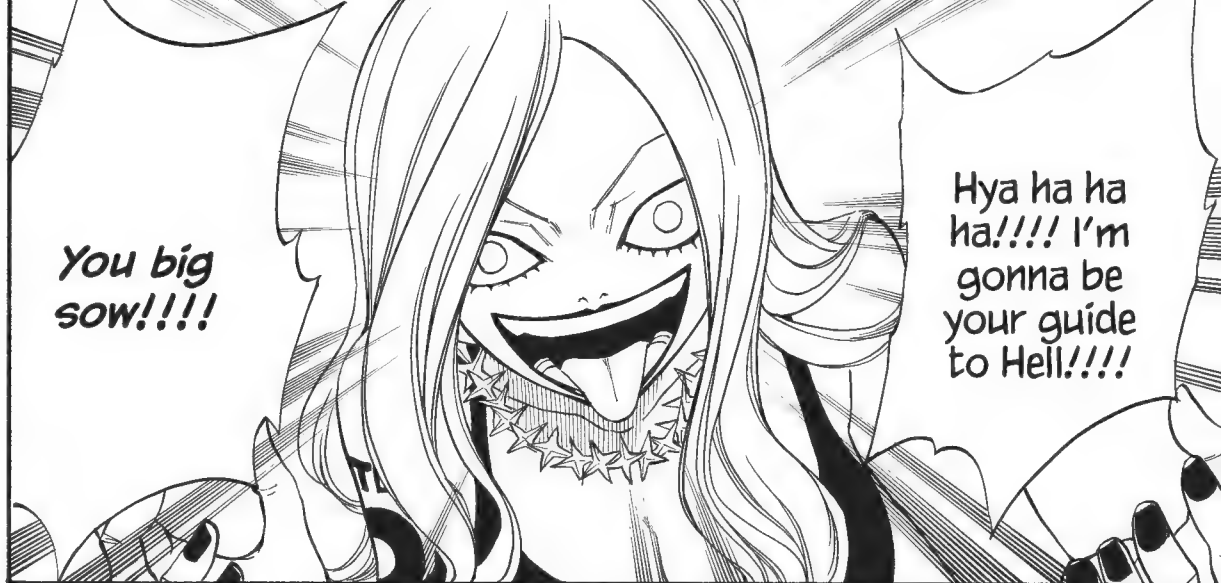


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KLUNK

FAIRYTAIL

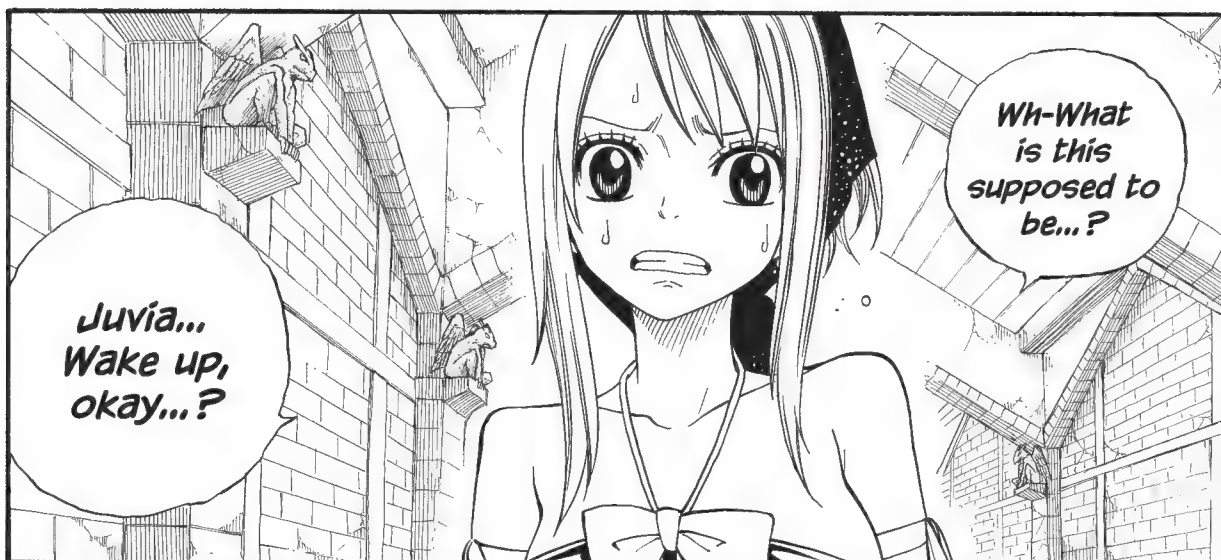


Chapter 87: Lucy vs. Juvia



*You big
sow!!!!*

*Hya ha ha
ha!!!! I'm
gonna be
your guide
to Hell!!!!*

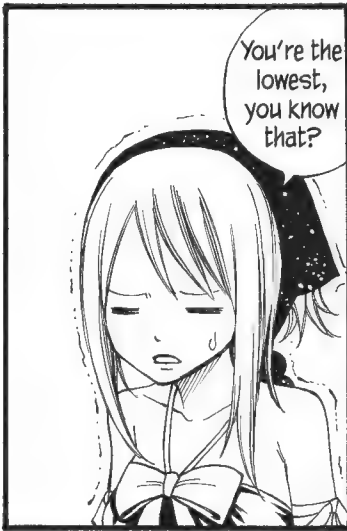


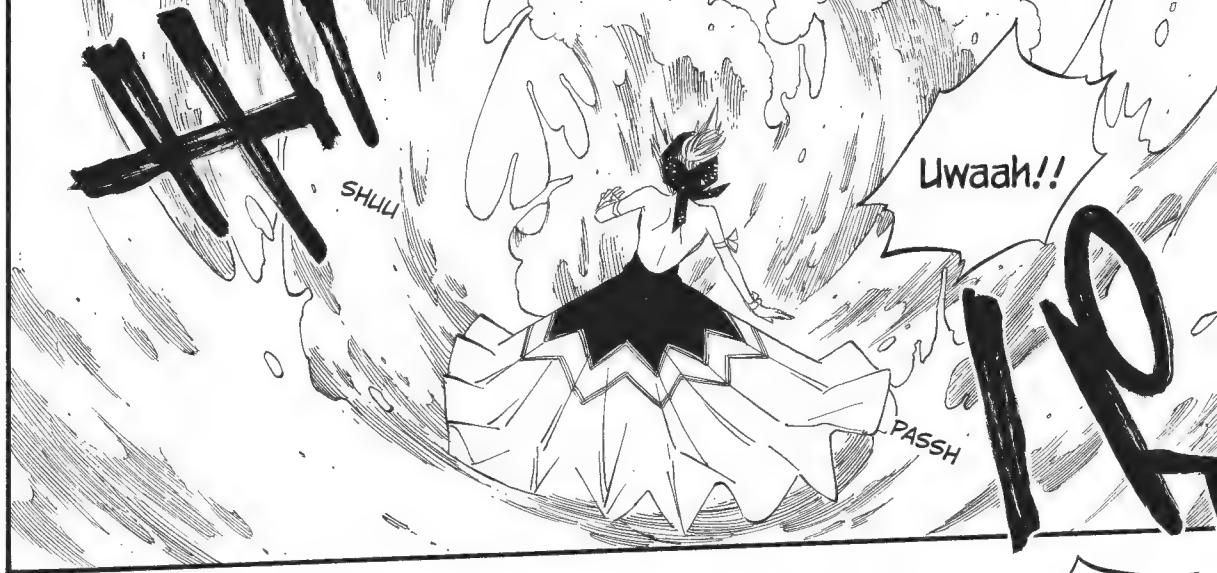
*Juvia...
Wake up,
okay...?*

*Wh-What
is this
supposed to
be...?*

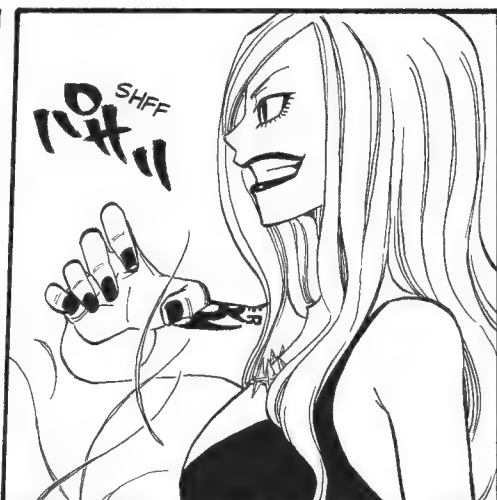


*What **Succubus**
does is it makes
my little groupie
answer only to my
orders!!*









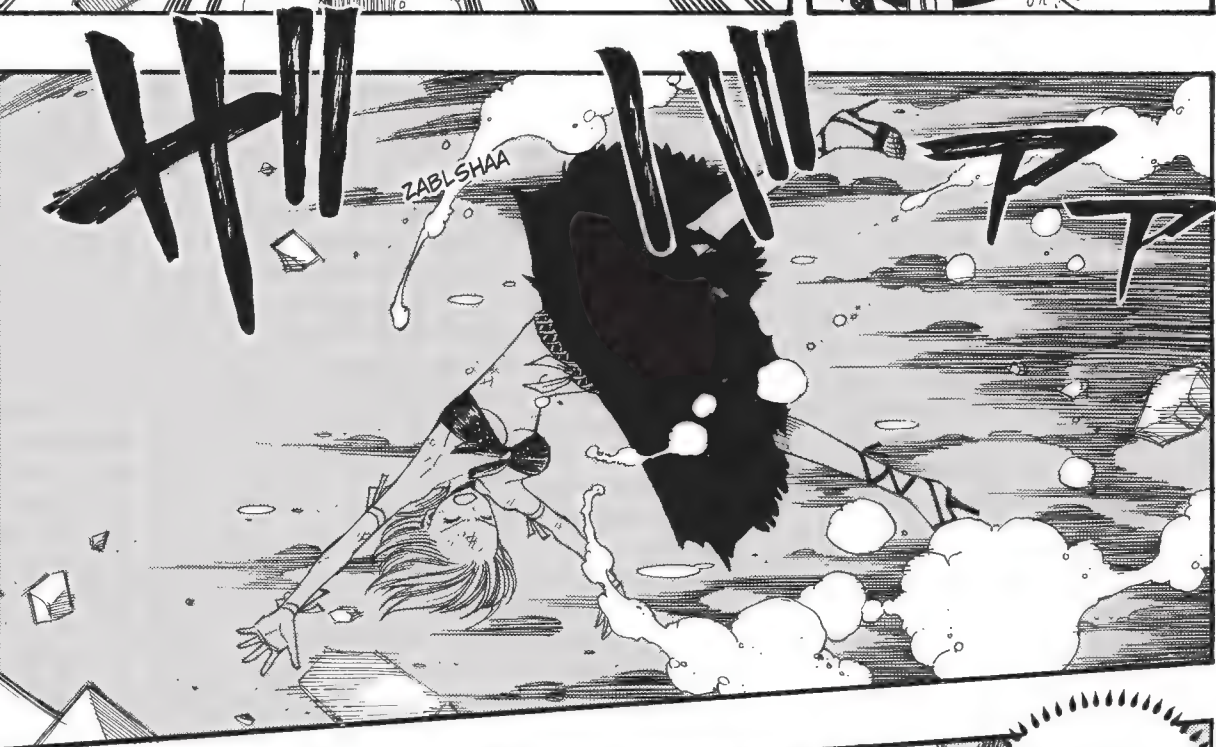


What does that mean?!!

Only because you're a masochist, woman!!! Now you will be crushed within Juvia!!!



What is this?! Is rock supposed to be some sadistic trip?!!!

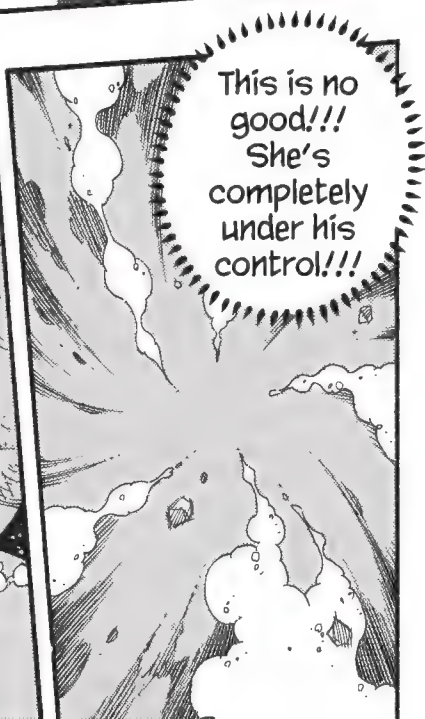


Lucy-san!!

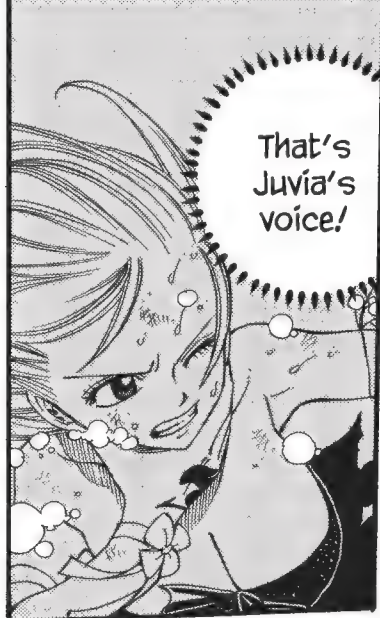
!!!



What'll I do?!! I can never beat Juvia in a regular fight!!



This is no good!!! She's completely under his control!!!

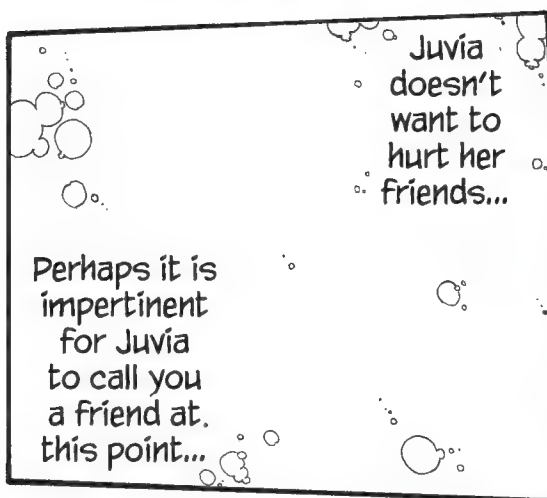


That's
Juvia's
voice!



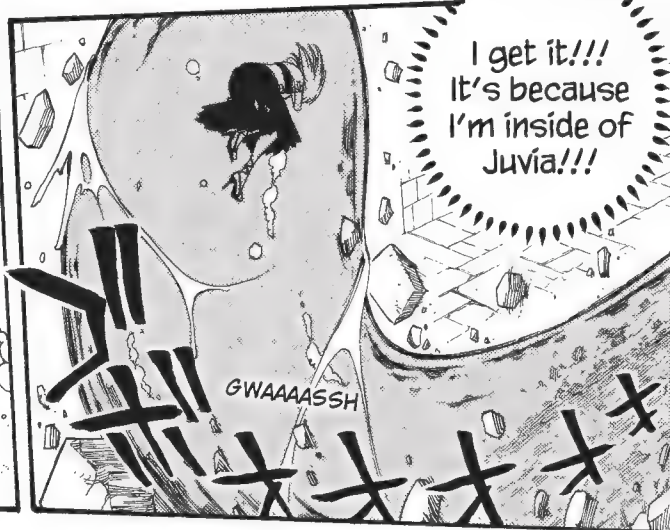
Juvia
doesn't
want to do
this!!!

**Kya ha
ha ha!!!
Suffocate
and die!!!**



Juvia
doesn't
want to
hurt her
friends...

Perhaps it is
impertinent
for Juvia
to call you
a friend at
this point...



I get it!!!
It's because
I'm inside of
Juvia!!!

GWAAAASSH

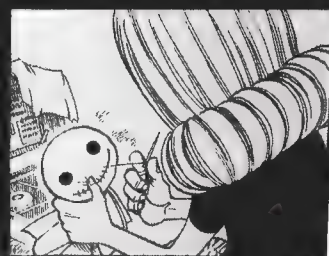
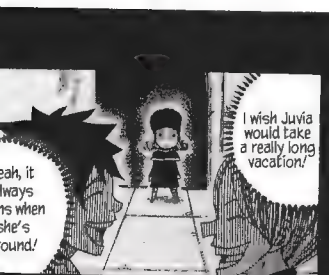


Juvia, you've
come to *like*
Fairy Tail?



I know
you are
my rival in
love...

I am
not...





It's true!!
Juvia brings
unhappiness!!!!



Juvia-chan,
it's time to
finish her
off!!!

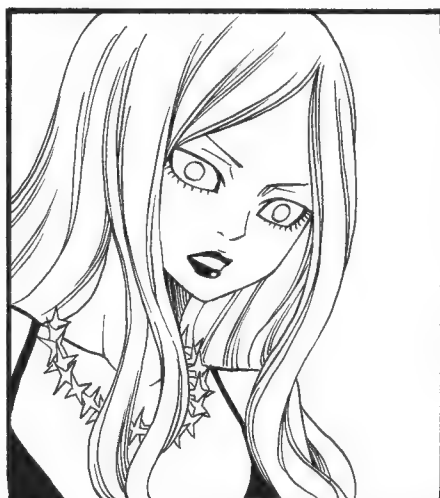


Tears?



Egyeeree
!!!!

ZUBLEASH





*The Water
Jigsaw
will chop
her to
pieces!!!!*

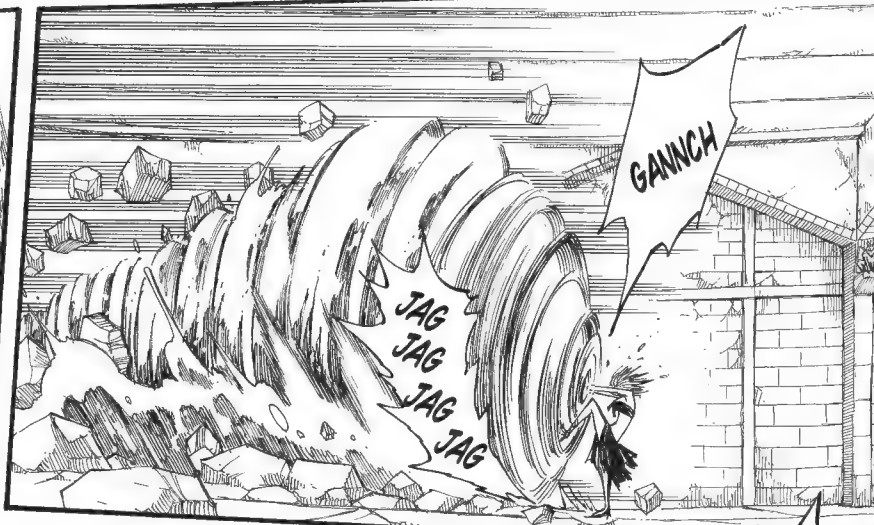
Lucy-san,
try to dodge
it!!!!



This is getting
boring!!!! It's
time to send her
to Hell, Juvia-
chan!!!!



フシユ!!!
BSSSH



GAANCH

JAG
JAG
JAG
JAG



GAT TCH

Open!!!!
Gate to
the Water
Bearer
Palace!!!!



I can call the strongest celestial spirit, Aquarius, wherever there's water!!!!



You used Juvia's body to call a celestial spirit?!!



!!!

*Eeeee
!!!!*

SHH SHH SHH

SPLAAAAASHH

*yaaaahhh
!!!!*

SHH SHH SHH SHH SHH

N O O O O O O O !!!

*Shut up,
you noisy,
chattering
little
girls!!!*

[illegible]

*Eeeee
!!!!*

SHH SHH SHH

SPLAAAAASHH

*yaaaahhh
!!!!*

SHH SHH SHH SHH SHH

N O O O O O O O !!!

*Shut up,
you noisy,
chattering
little
girls!!!*

[illegible][illegible]

*Eeeee
!!!!*

SPLAAAAASHH~

*Shut up,
you noisy,
chattering
little
girls!!!*

*yaaaahhh
!!!!*

Nooooooooo!!!!

*Eeeee
!!!!*

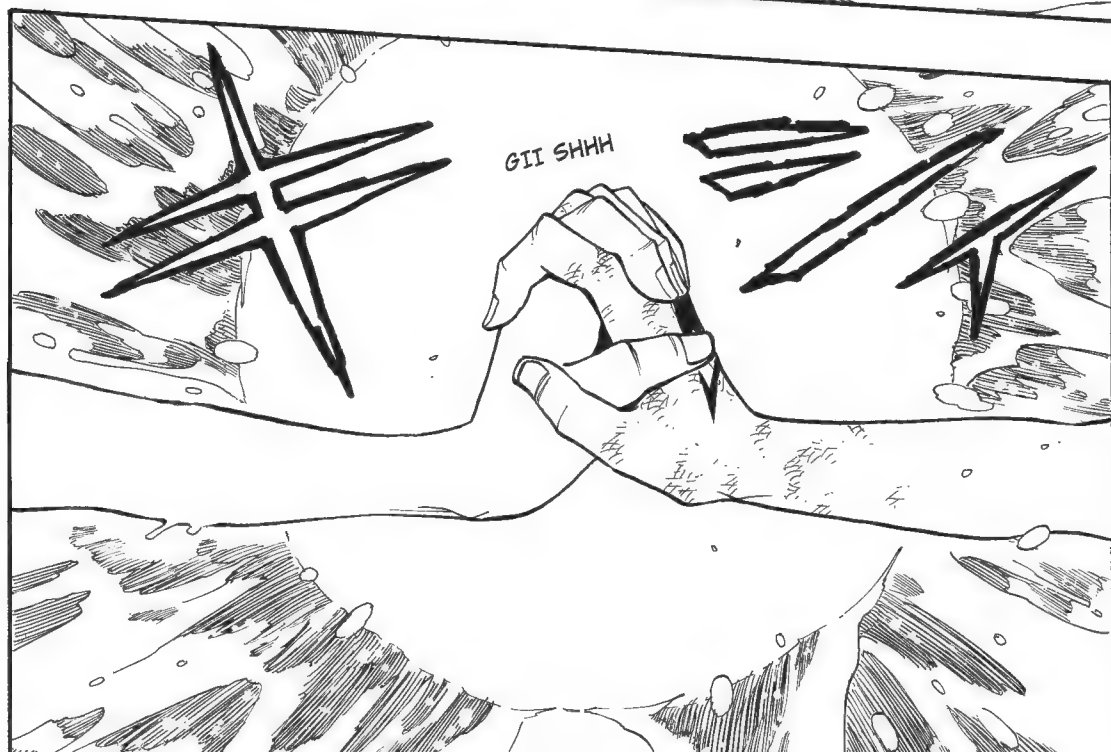
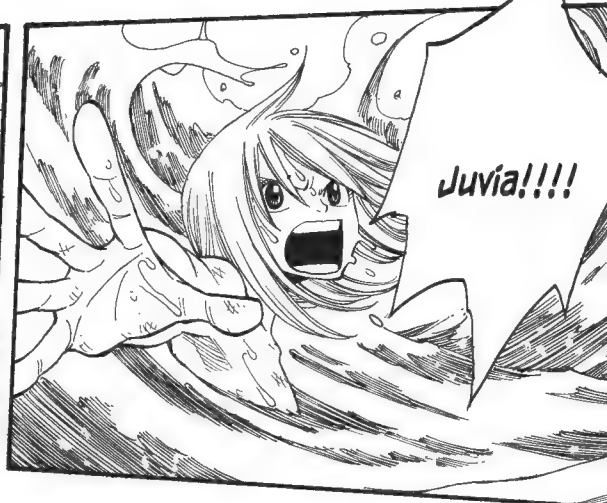
SHH SHH SHH

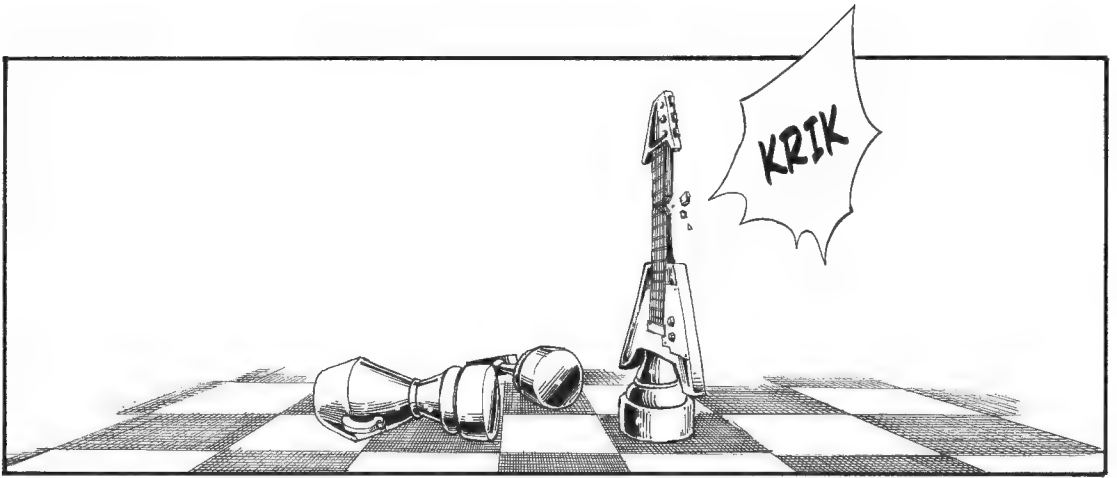
SPLAAAAASHH

*Shut up,
you noisy,
chattering
little
girls!!!!*

KIA

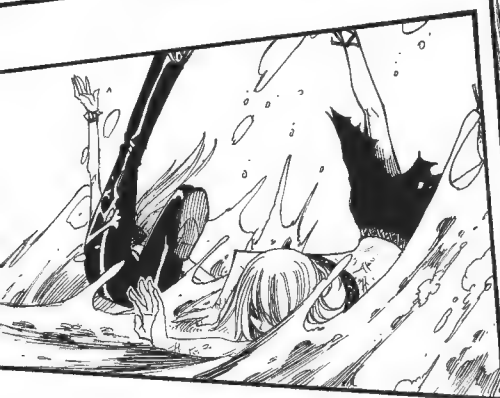
Nooooooooo!!!!



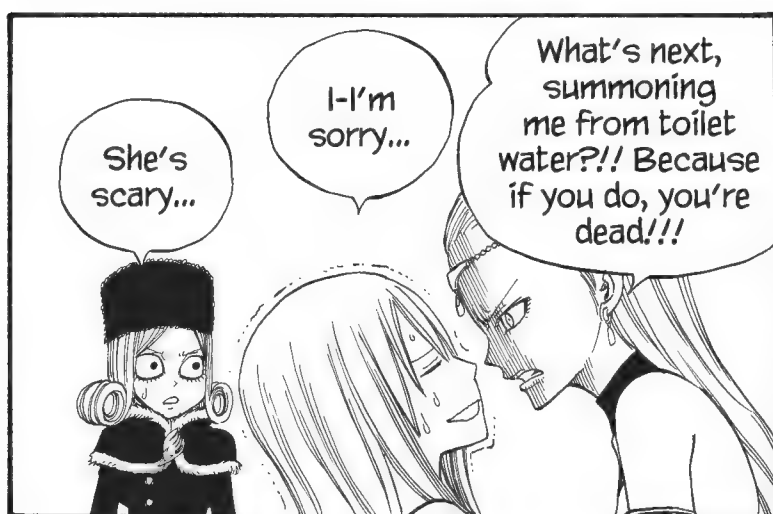
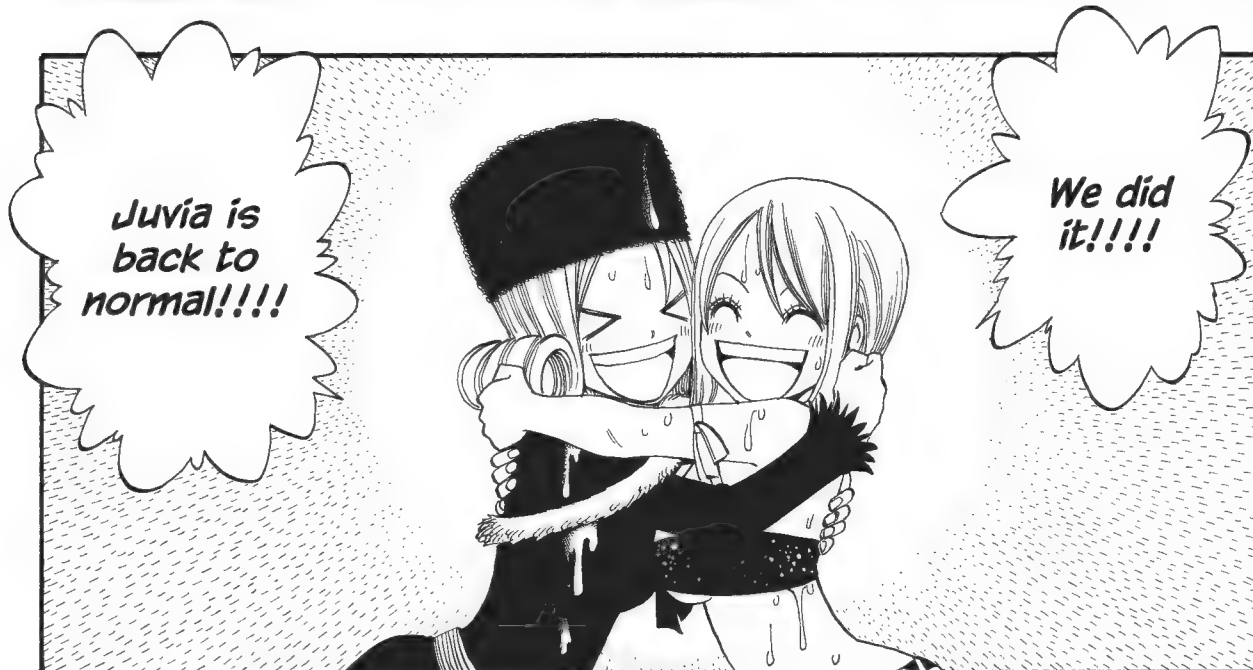
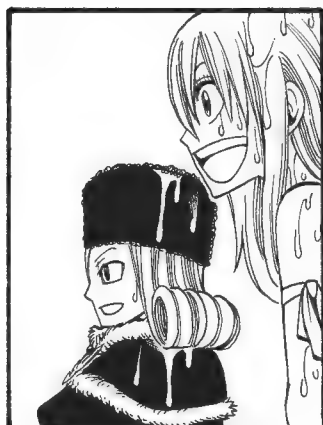




Spark-
ing!!!



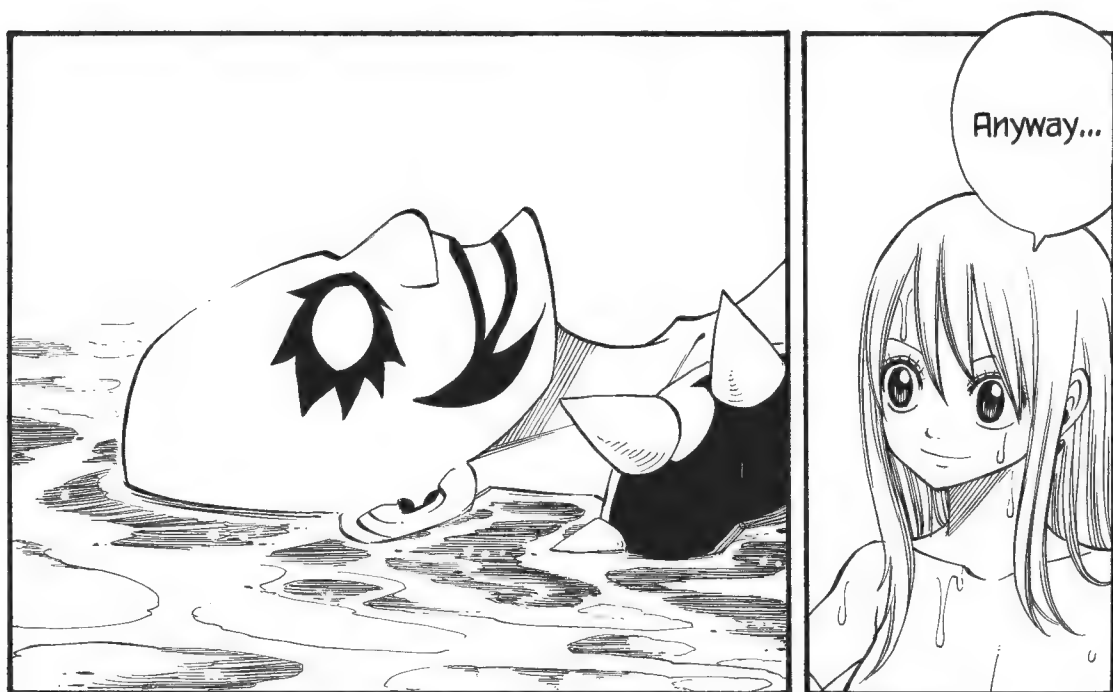
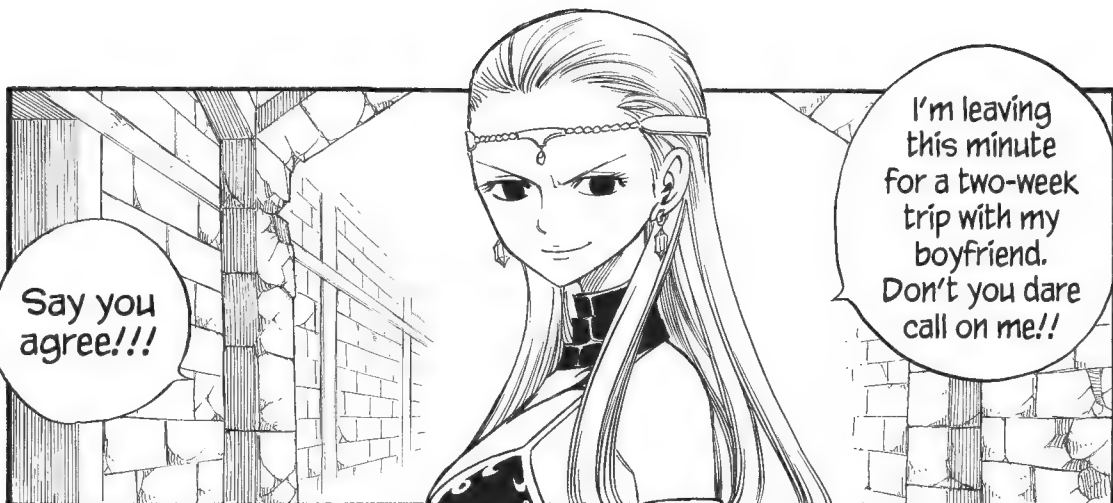
They're
doing a
Unison
Raid?!!!

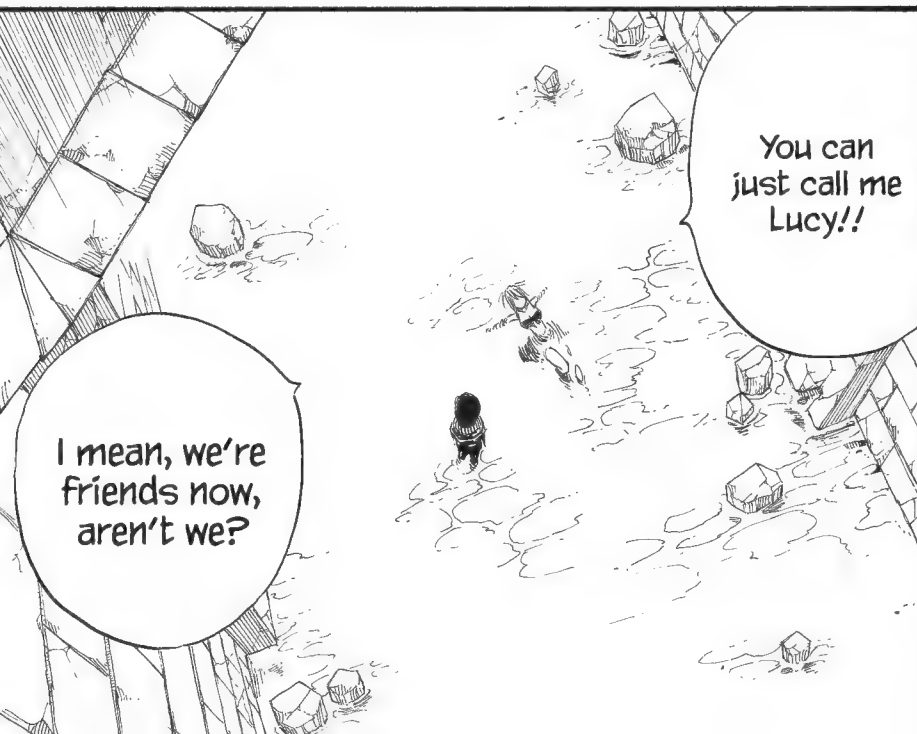
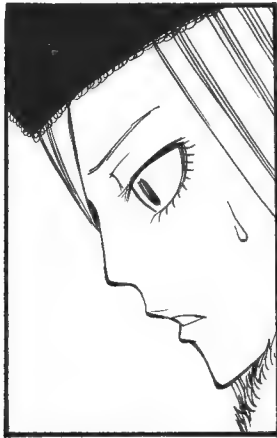


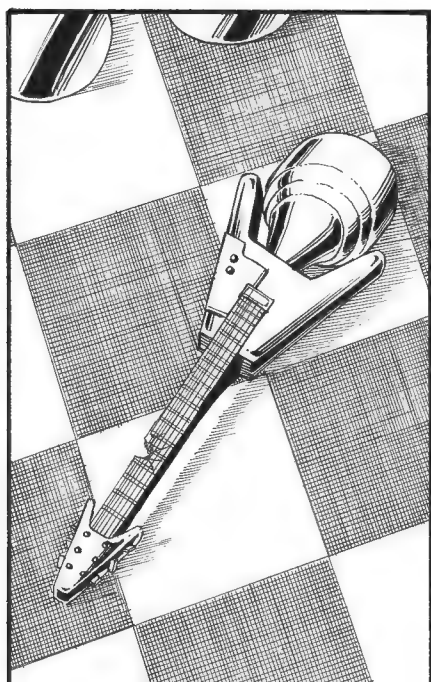
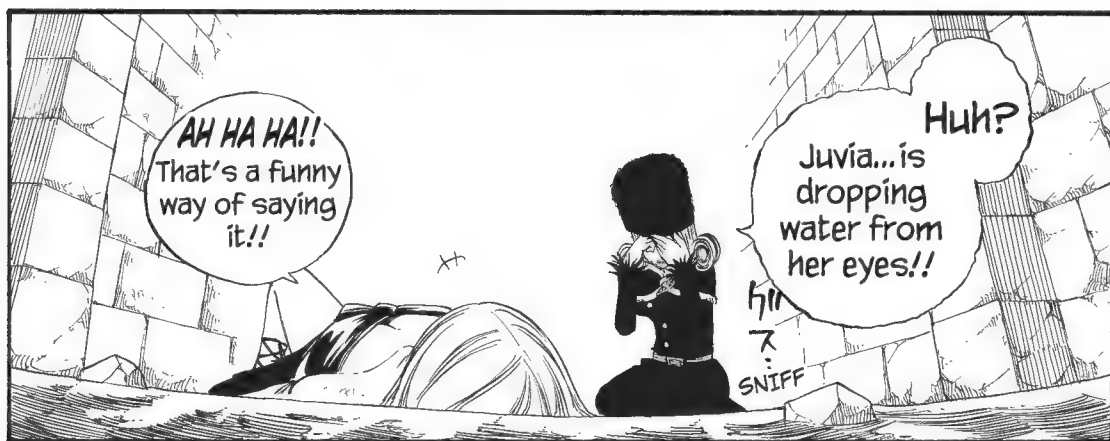
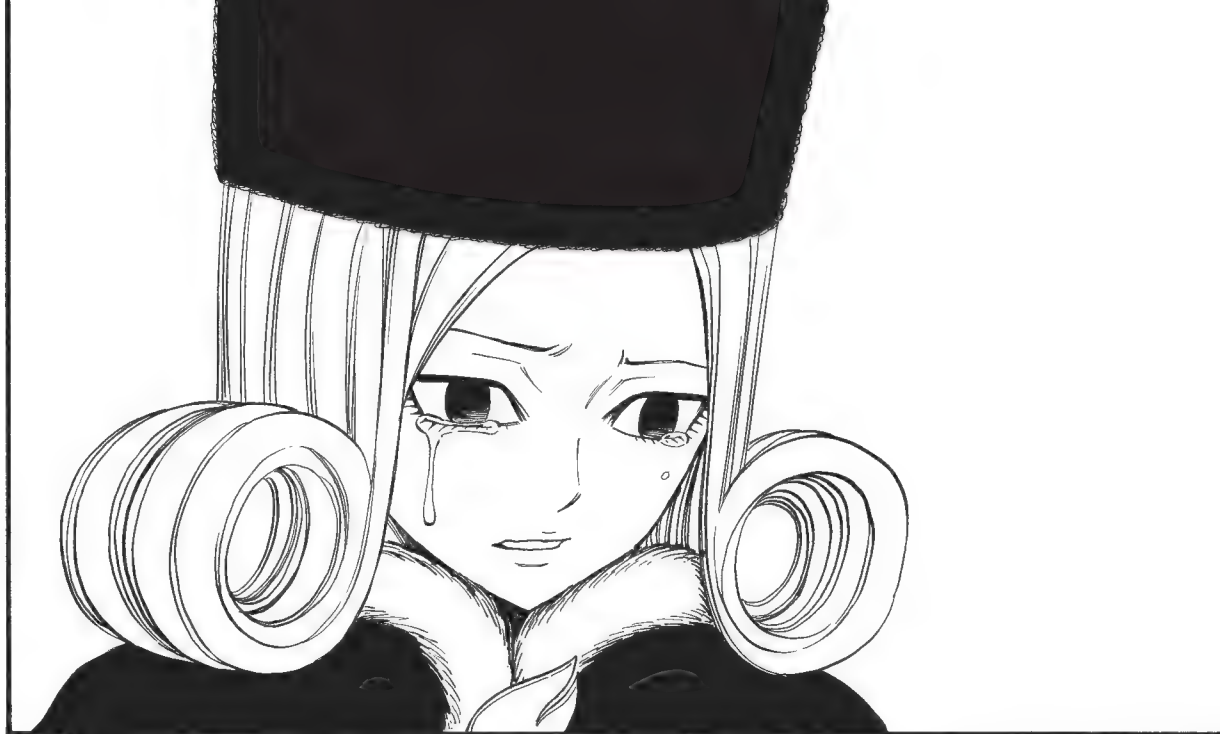
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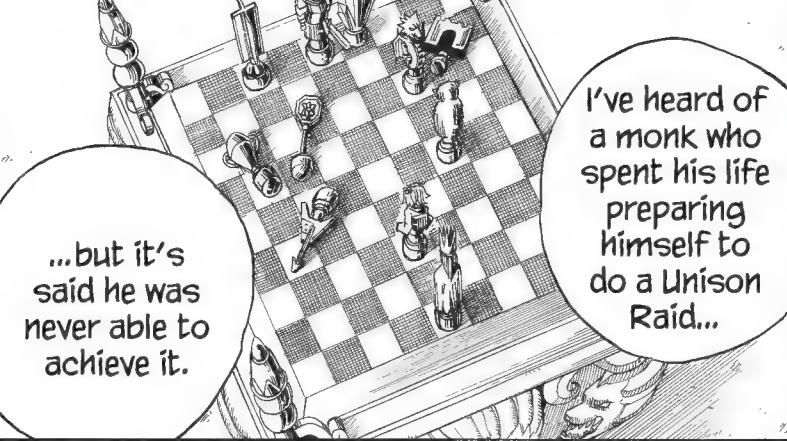
Chapter 88: Natsu Becomes a Meal











...but it's said he was never able to achieve it.

I've heard of a monk who spent his life preparing himself to do a Unison Raid...



They did a Unison Raid?



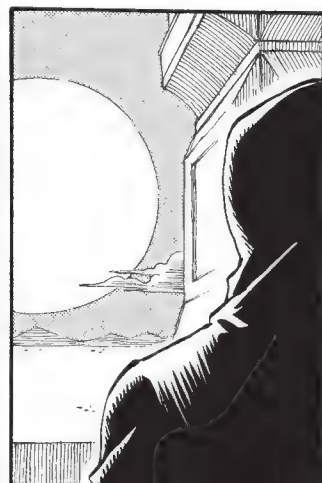
Heh heh!

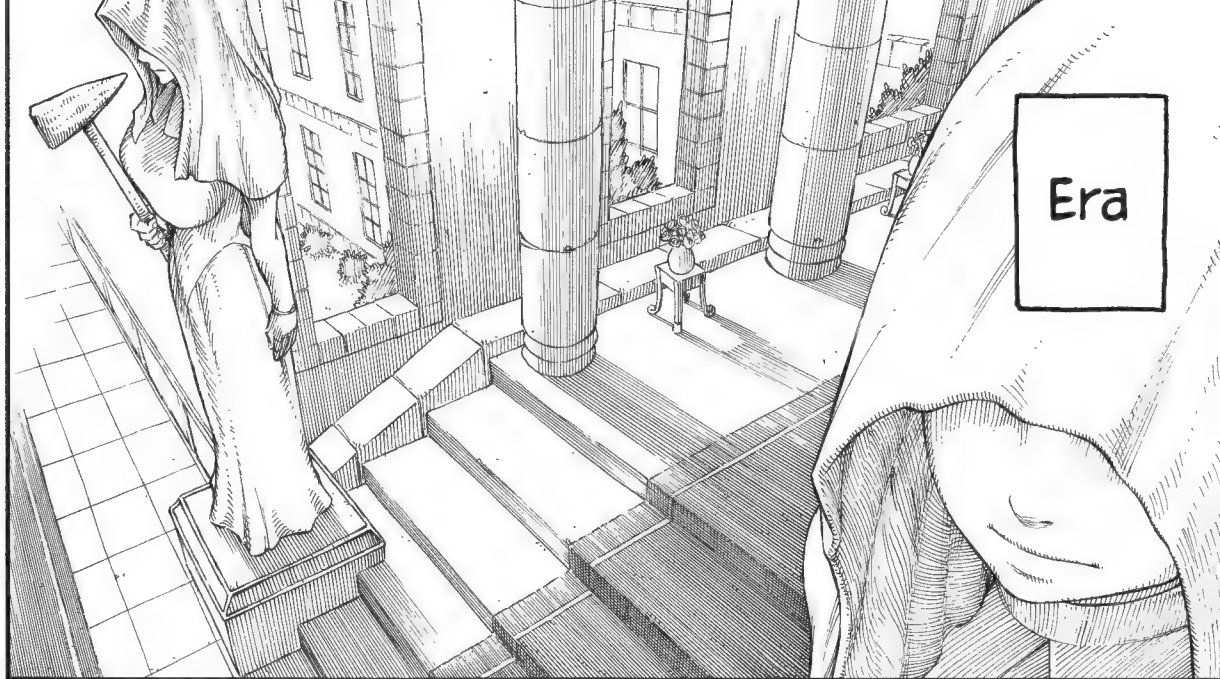
They may be nothing more than young girls, but they are worthy companions for Erza.

It might not have been intentional, but they achieved something incredible.



I'll just move another piece forward on the board.





Era



... stands
at four
in favor
and five
against.

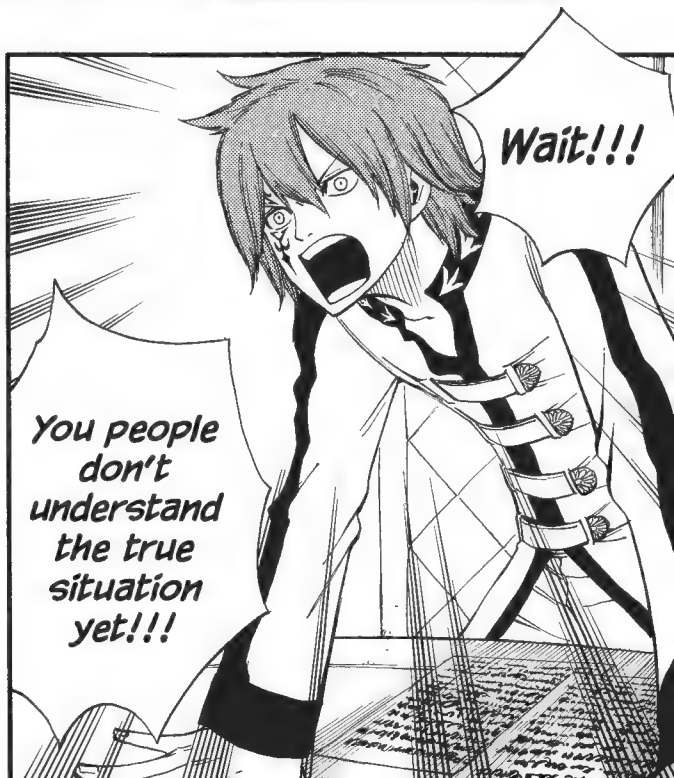
Thus with
the votes
cast, we
rule against
the use of
Etherion.

The decision
to use an
Etherion
attack
against the
Tower of
Heaven...



There is a path
to peaceful
resolution that
doesn't call
for bloodshed.

Don't
embarrass
yourself, Sieg.
You've lectured
us quite
enough.



Wait!!!

You people
don't
understand
the true
situation
yet!!!



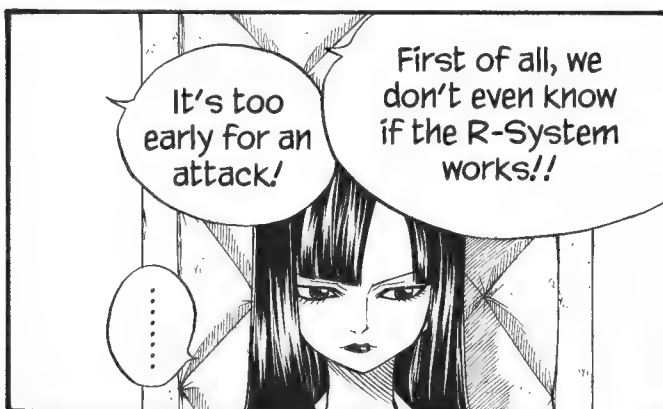
*Jellal is
trying
to revive
a dead
man!!!!*

Peace?! You're
pursuing that
ridiculous waste
of time, and
meanwhile...

...history is
being made
without
you!!!



Don't
you feel
it?



It's too
early for an
attack!

First of all, we
don't even know
if the R-System
works!!



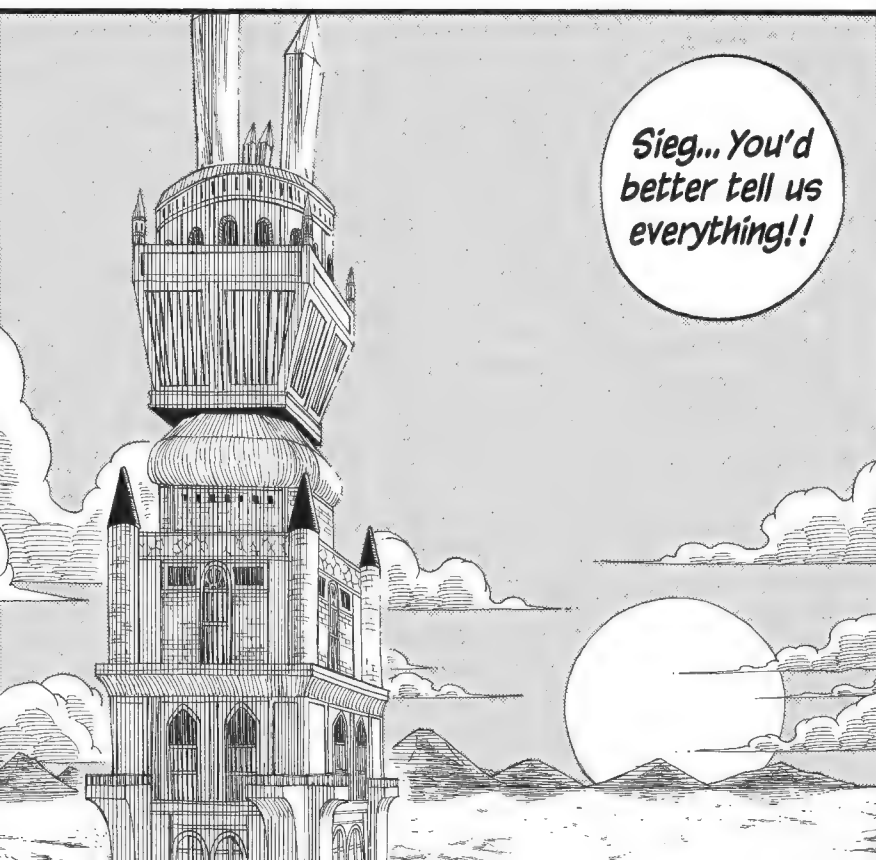
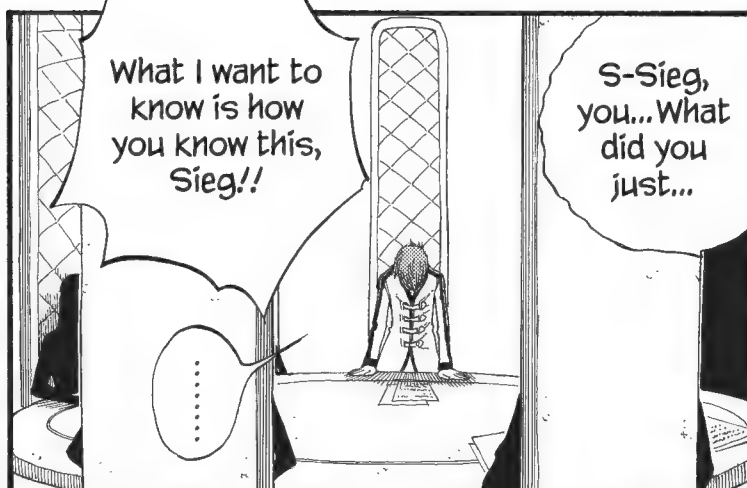
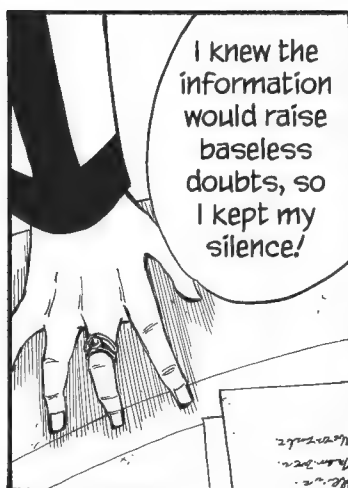
Sieg,
what
are
you...

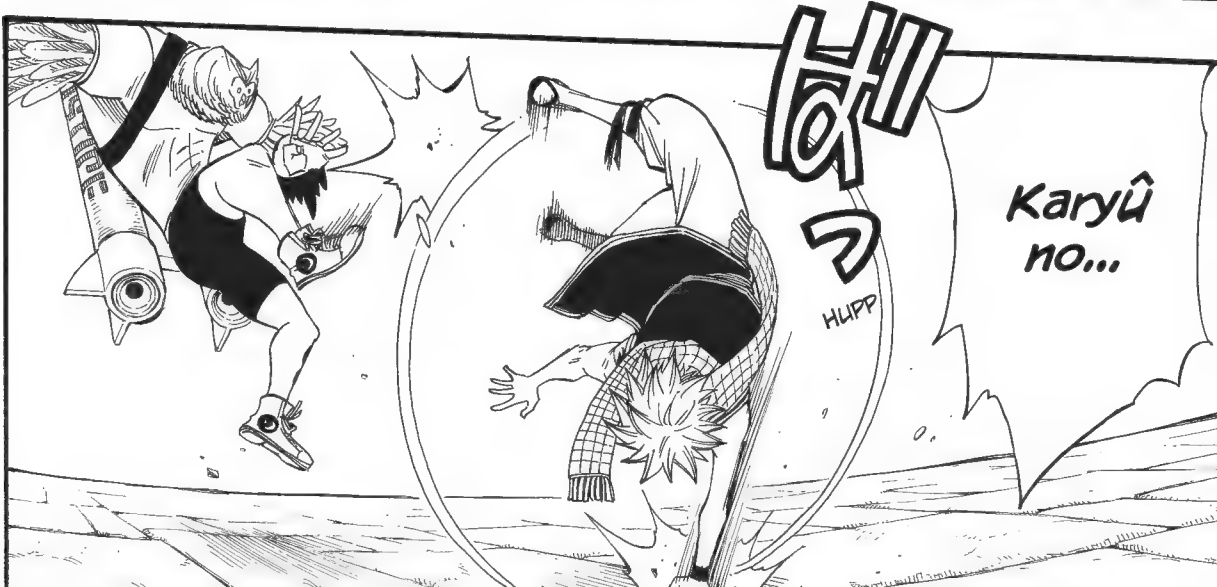
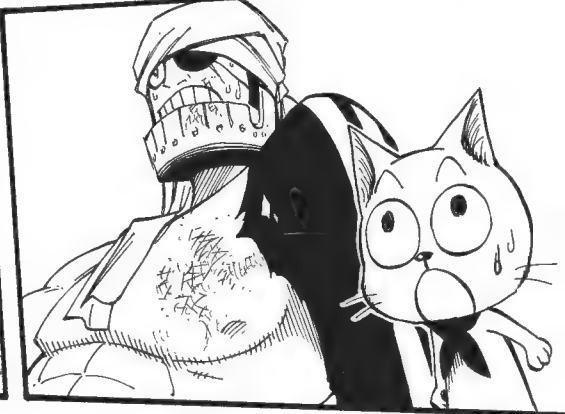
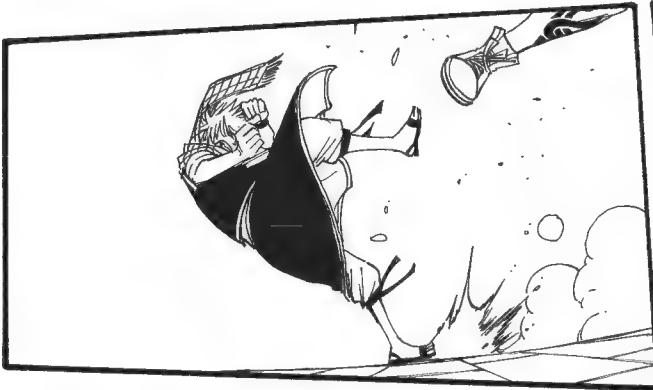
What
was
that?



The overwhelming
amount of
negative magical
power?! The fear
that is caused
by the man he is
trying to bring
back to life?!

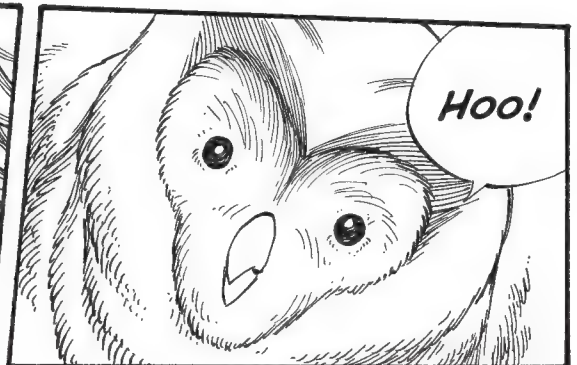
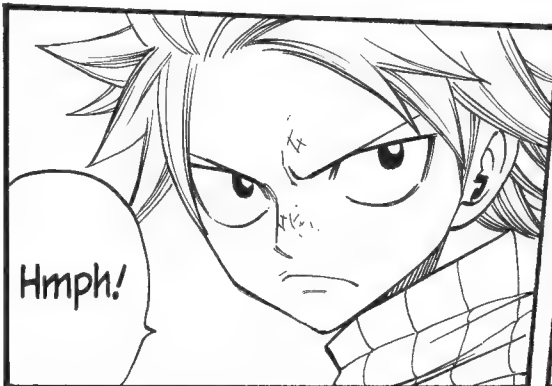


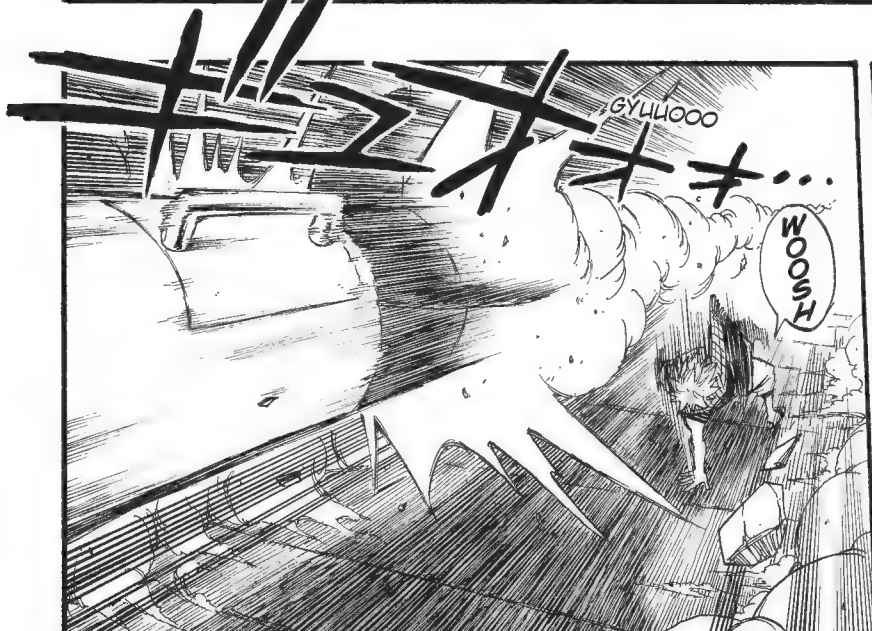


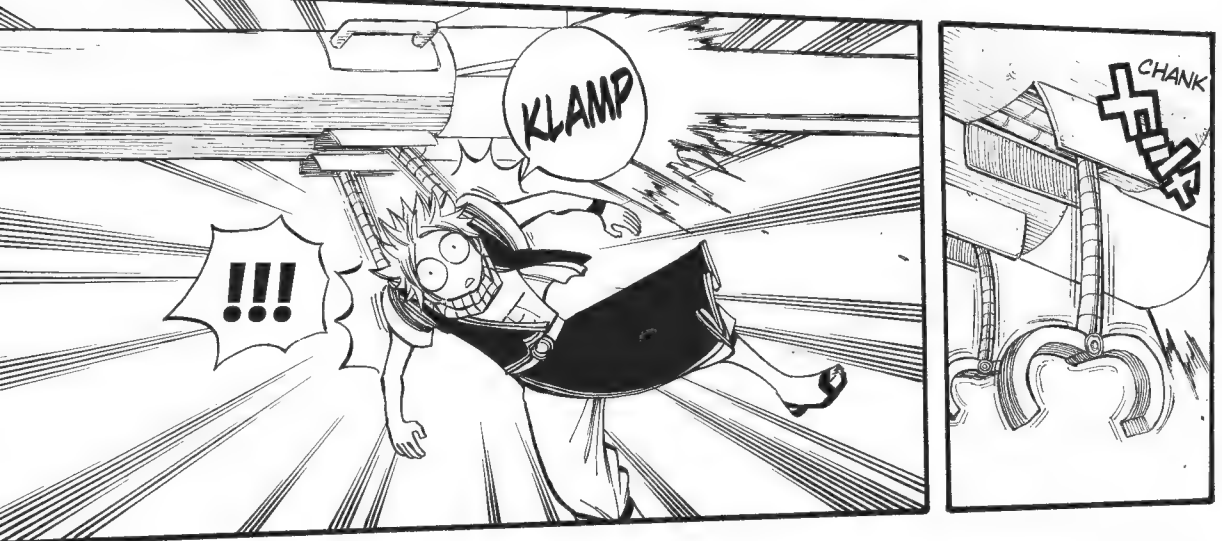


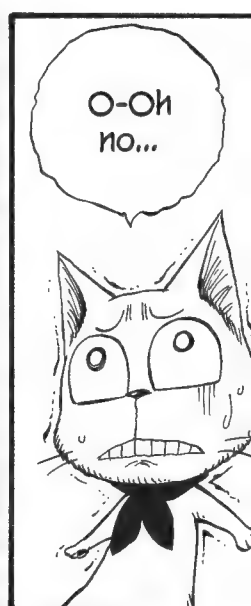
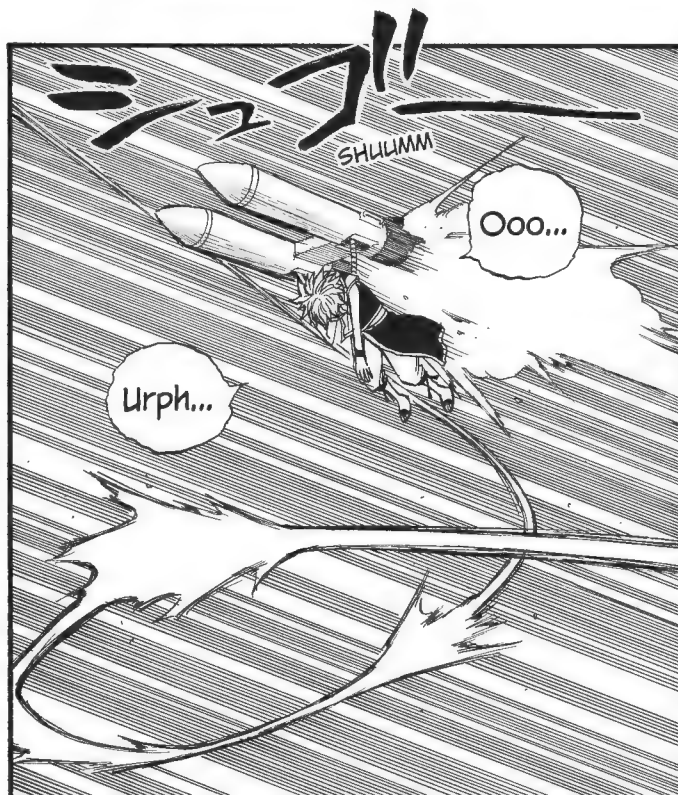
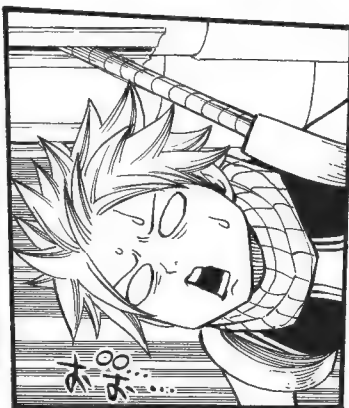
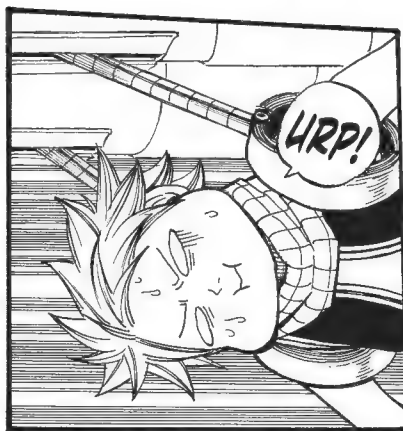


*Fire Dragon's Talon!











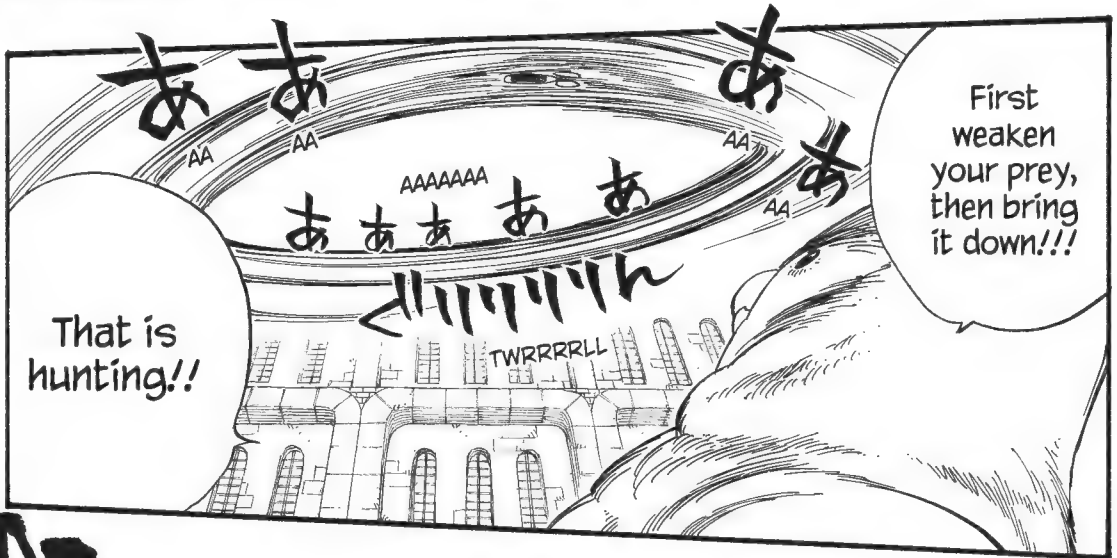
Natsu gets extreme motion sickness on moving vehicles!!!!

What was that?!



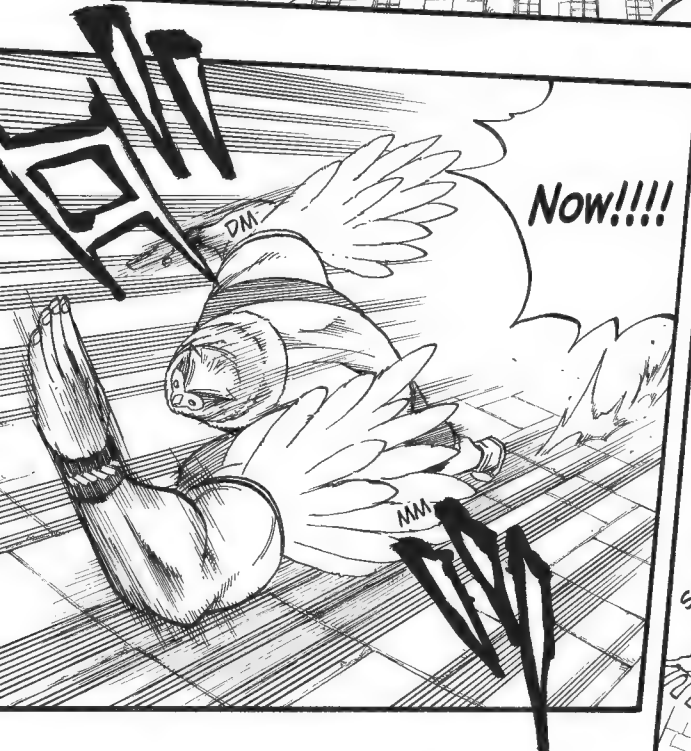
?!

This is really bad!! That thing's a moving vehicle!!!!

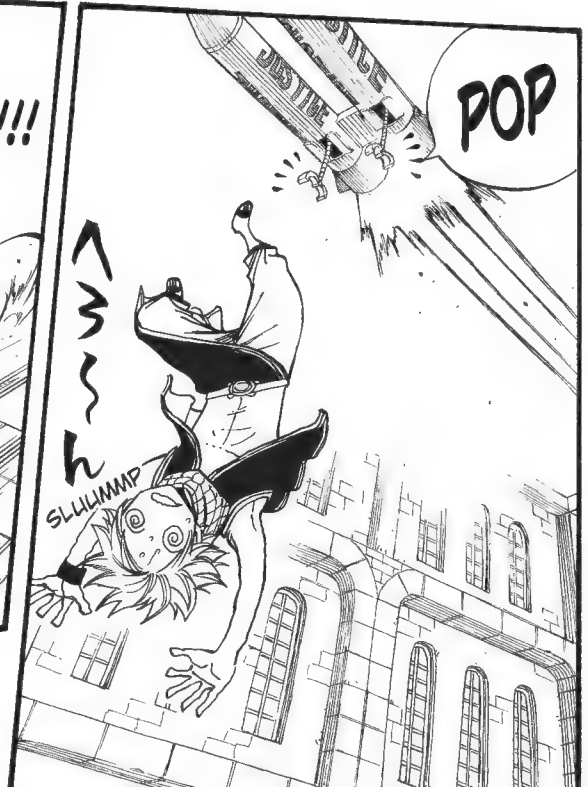


That is hunting!!

First weaken your prey, then bring it down!!!

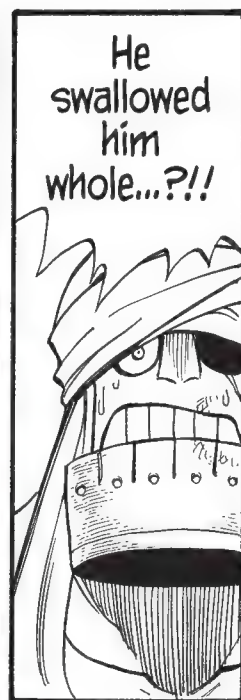
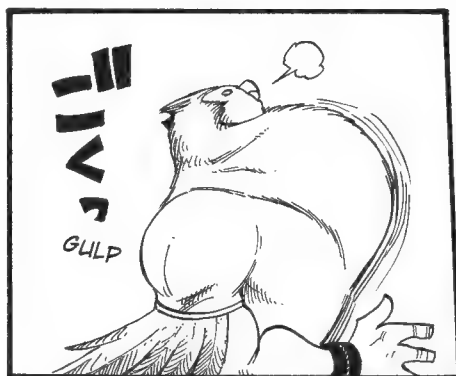


Now!!!!



POP







Give Natsu back!!!



Gyaah!!!

Fire Hoo-
Ho-
Hoo!!!!



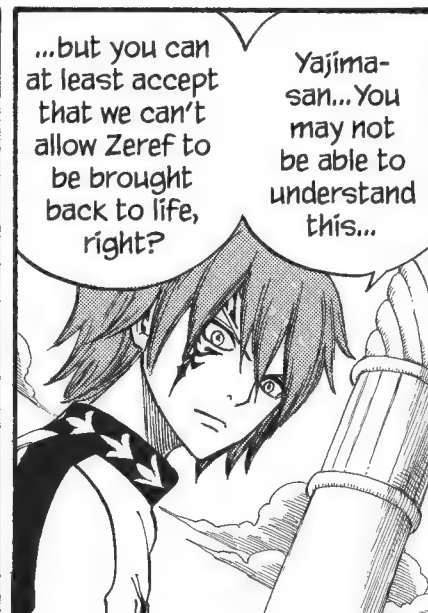
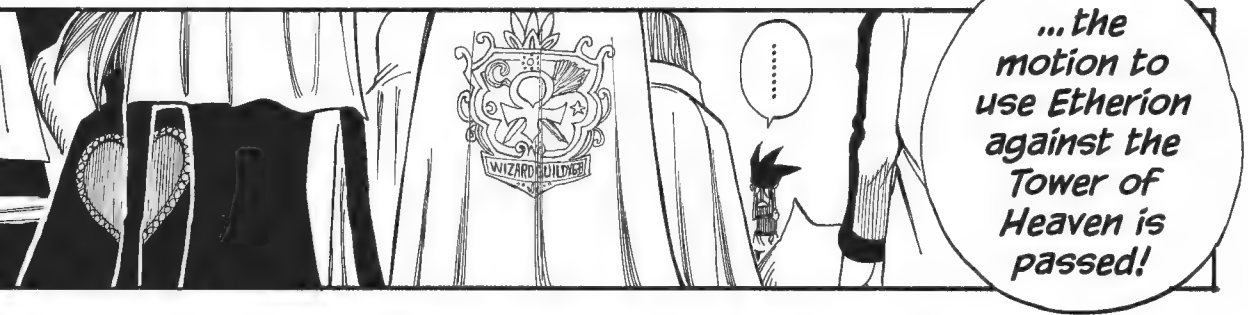
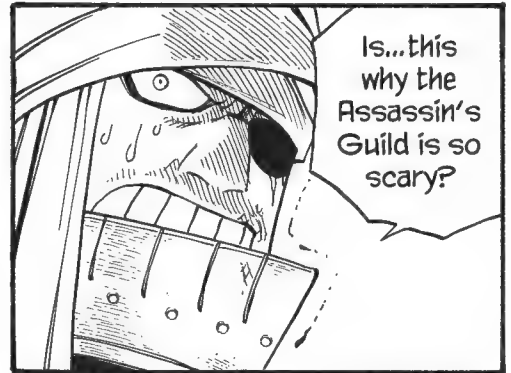
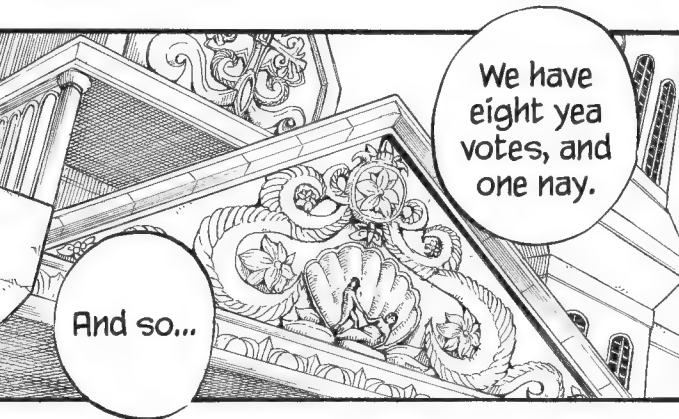
That doesn't mean that he can use their magic, does it?!

"Digest"...



Hey!!!
Are you all right?!!

Fire?

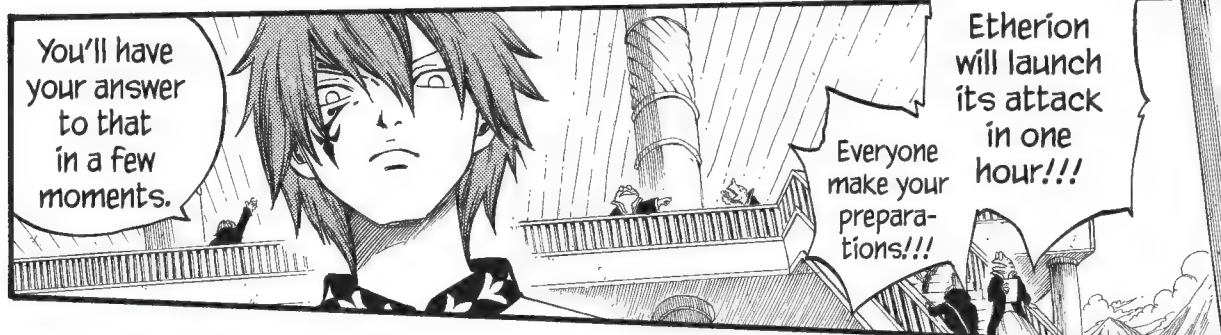




You are going to live with the weight of the human lives lost on your back, Sieg!!!!

What I'm talking about is responsibility for human lives!!!!

TWRL
あ



You'll have your answer to that in a few moments.

Etherion will launch its attack in one hour!!!

Everyone make your preparations!!!



The light will fall very soon now!!!

Now... What will you do? There's no time left!

Erza... You've lost your very best piece.

FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 89: Armor Around a Heart



 **FAIRYTAIL**



What's "best" about it?!! Since this morning, I've fallen in a drainage ditch, lost my wallet... Nothing but bad things have happened to me today!!!



No matter how many times I do it, the outcome is always the same!! Your fortune is the best! Shut up and be happy!!



Do it again!!! Why is my fortune supposed to be the best today?!!





Is this...

...the place that Grandpa Rob talked about?

She's dressed in rags!

What's with her?

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER



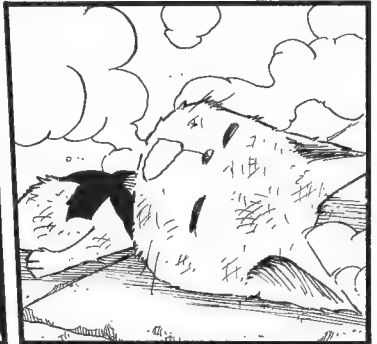
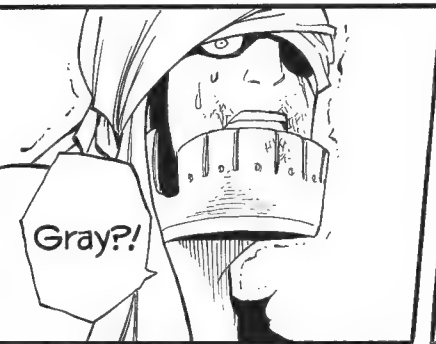
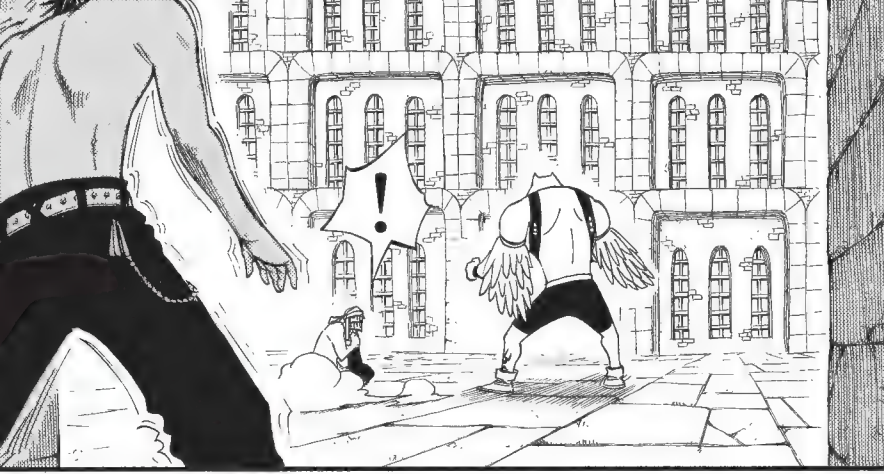
Erza...

When I find that Shô guy, I'm going to beat him into the ground!!!

Dammit !!!

Where did she get off to?!!





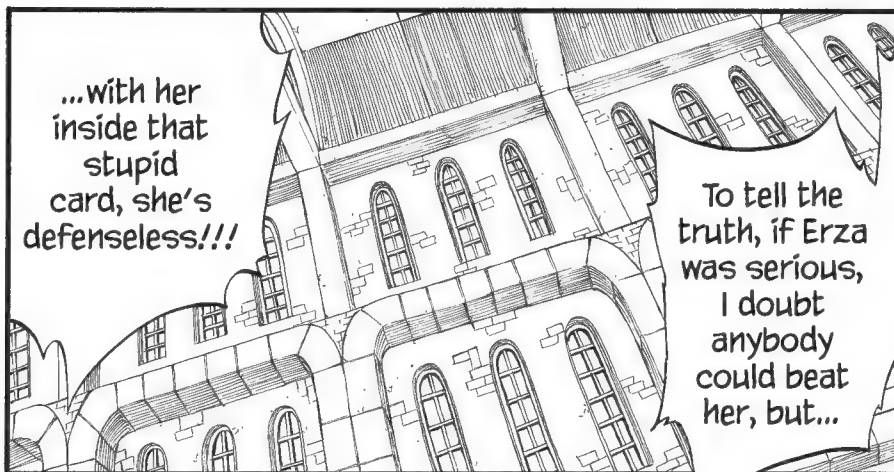


Then get going again!!! If we don't find Erza, we're in trouble, right?!!!

I was stopped...



GLARE



...with her inside that stupid card, she's defenseless!!!

To tell the truth, if Erza was serious, I doubt anybody could beat her, but...

Jellal said he was going to make Erza into a sacrifice!!!



What?



Gray...Natsu was...eaten by that guy over there...



I know we shouldn't have told Shô the truth when we did...

...but I never imagined he'd go off and do that.



**Eating
that turd-
burning
fire?!!!**

**Do you
have any
idea what
you just
did?!!!**



**And after it's
done, all of his
magic will be
mine too!!!**

GRRRL

GRRRL

**Digestion
has
already
begun!!**

**In ten
minutes,
Salamander
will have
melted within
my body!!**



**You
guys get
down!!!!**

**I'll take
care
of this
guy!!!!**

*Ice Make:
Lance!!!!*

ZWOOGH OOH

**Fire Dragon's Roar!*

?!!

*Karyû no
Hôkô*!!!!*

He's sucked up
Salamander's
magic!!!

GWOOGH



It's over!!! If you really
are one of Salamander's
companions, then you
know the power of
Salamander's flames!!!

Gray!!!

...jerk!!!

You
big...

GWOOO

OOGH

GAA

AA

AA

AA

!!!!





What are you doing?!



Kh...

GAKOON

Are you listening to me, Armor-Girl?!!!

ZLICHANK



.....
!!!!

Maybe not. But you'd do better to put *on* some clothes! Is this supposed to be a pervert's guild?!

POFF
POFF
ほろほろ



This is a wizard's guild!

You don't wear armor in here!



Leave me alone!



You little...



あはははは
AH HA HA HA

SPRR





**Hoo-Hooo!!!
Now that's
a terrific
magical
power!!!!**

**I'll just
capture you
too!!!!**



**Gray,
get away
from
him!!!!**



**This is
bad!!!**

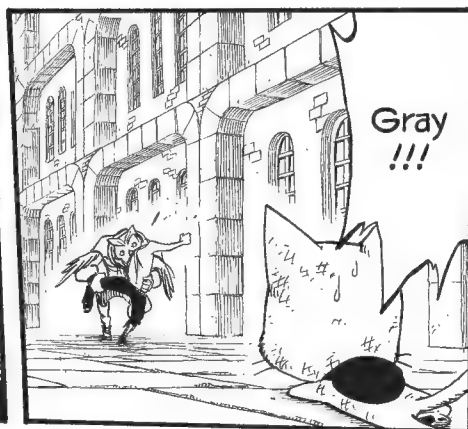


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GWAA

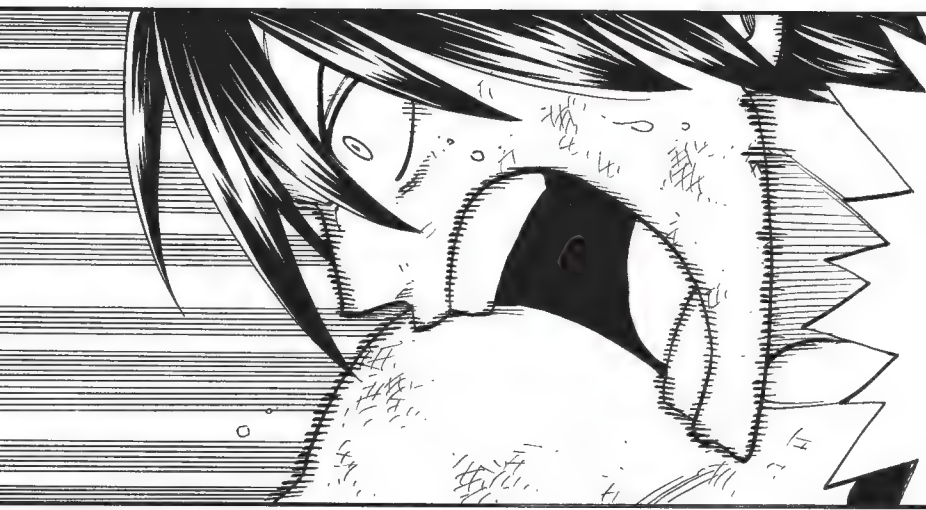
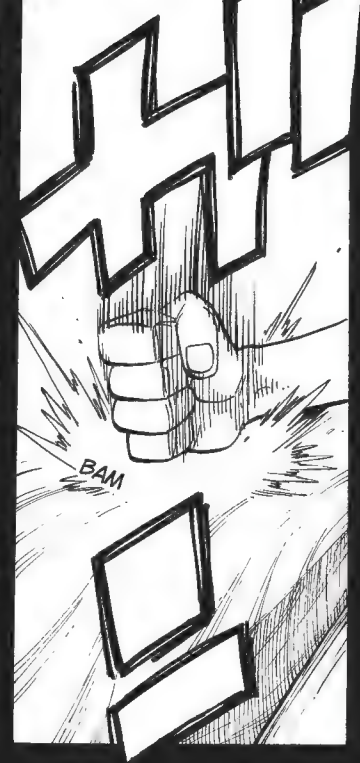
AAAH







*I will never
accept that
grungy
girl as a
member
of this
guild!!!!*



*I'm going
to get
Erza
back!!!!*

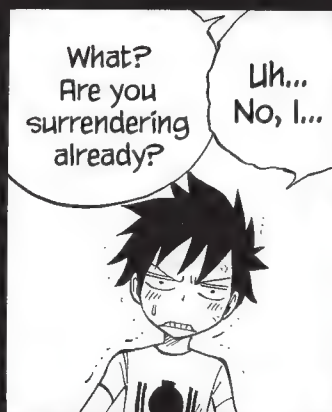
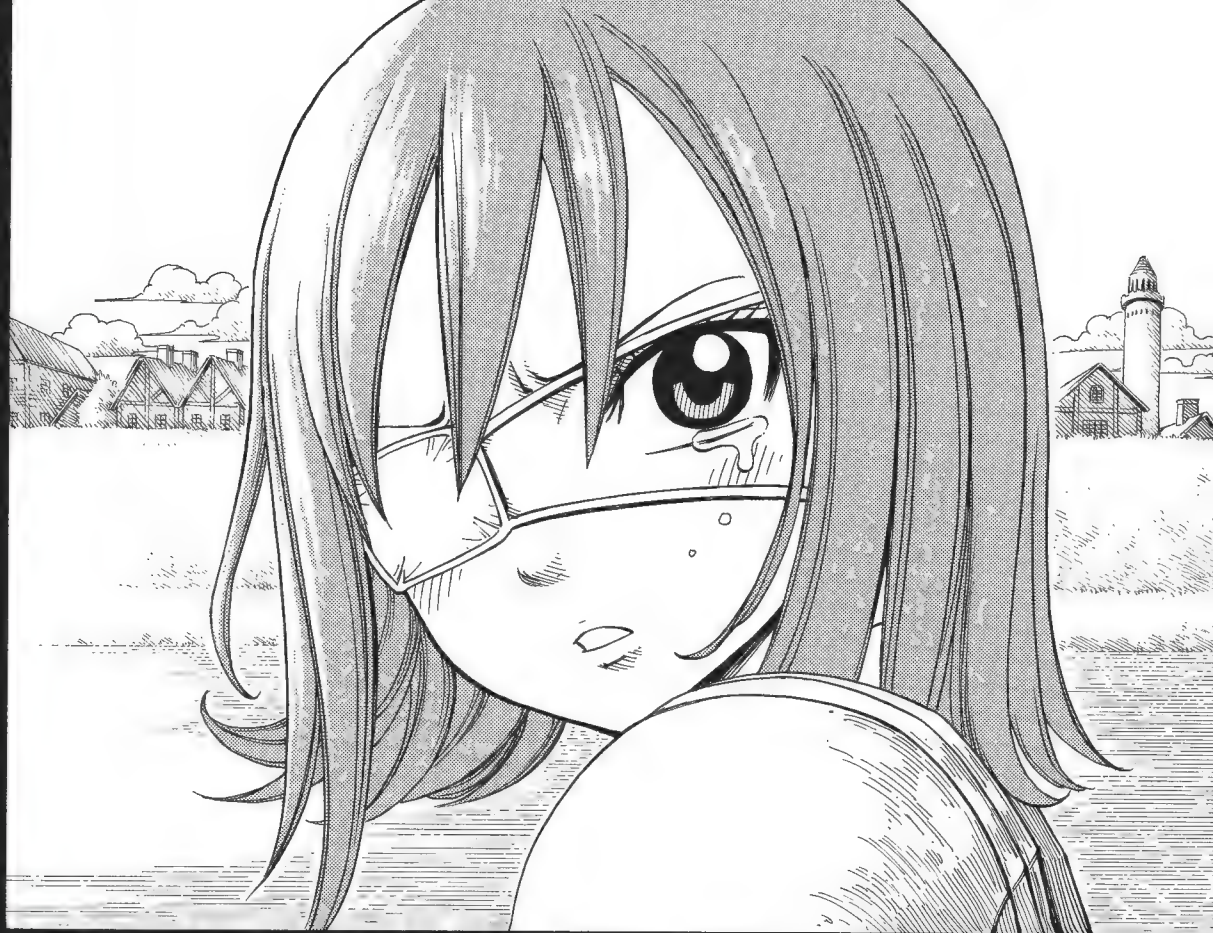


*Today,
I will take
you down—*



*I found you
now, Erza...*









She was
always
lonely...



...and
putting
armor
around
her
heart...



...and
crying.

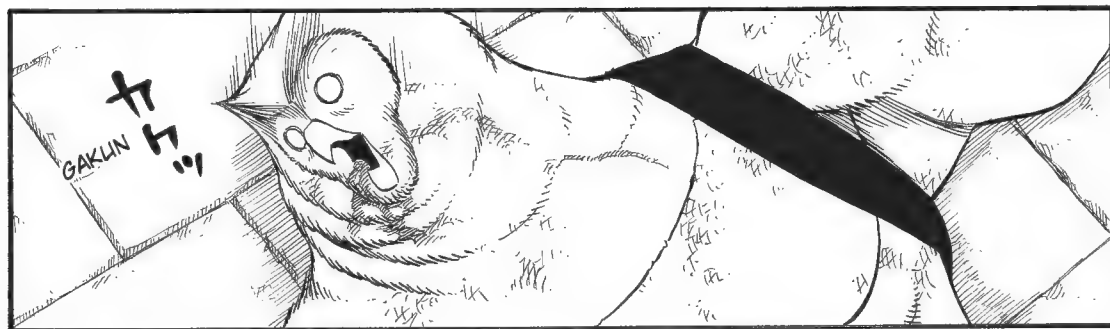
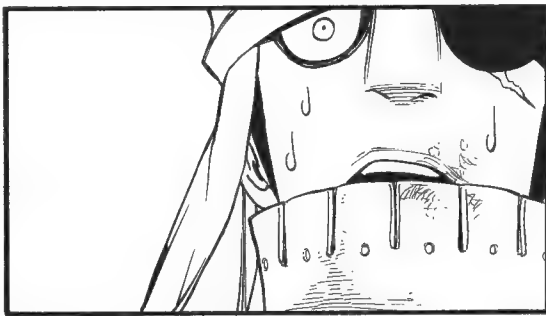


Hoo...

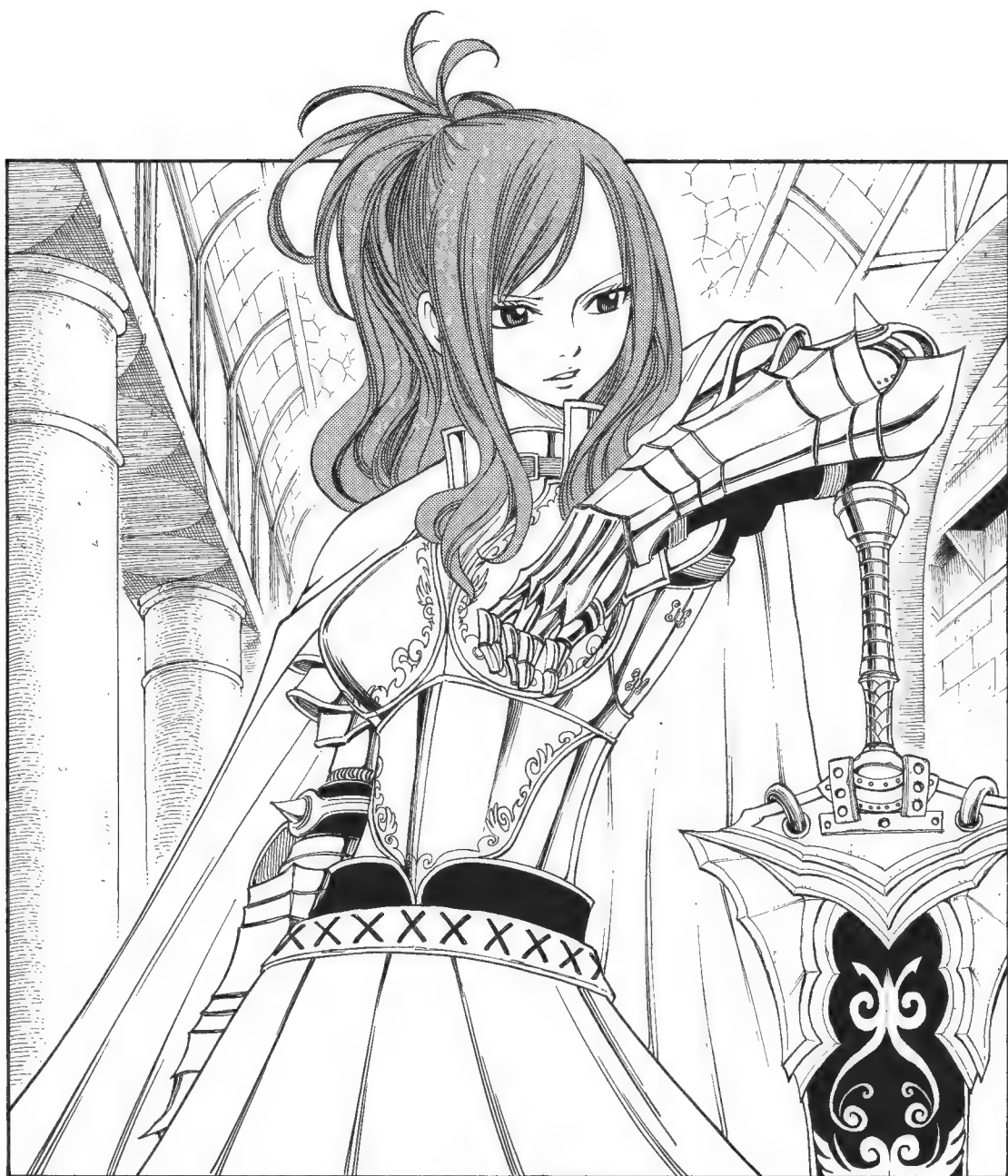
Hoo...

Hoo...

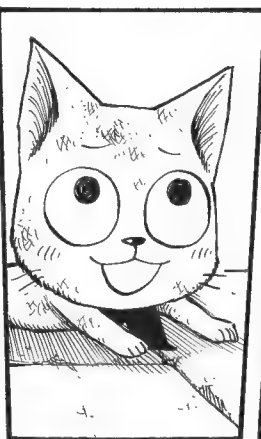
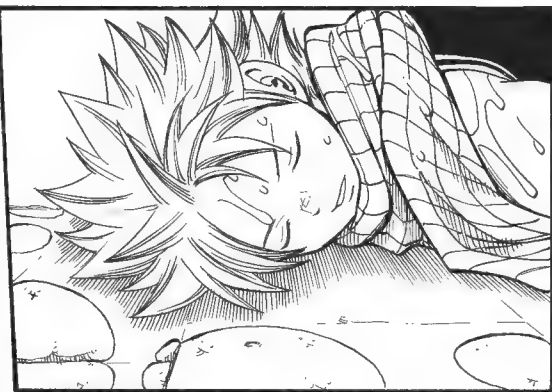
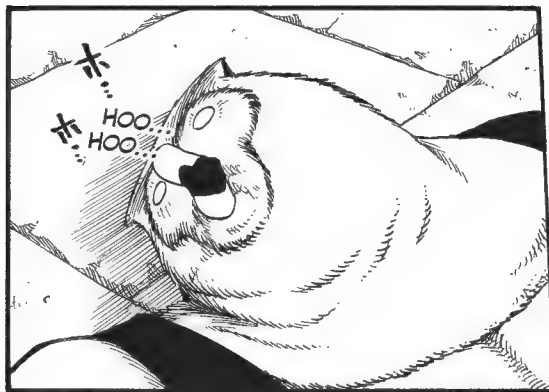
Ice Blade:
Seven Slice
Dance!!!!

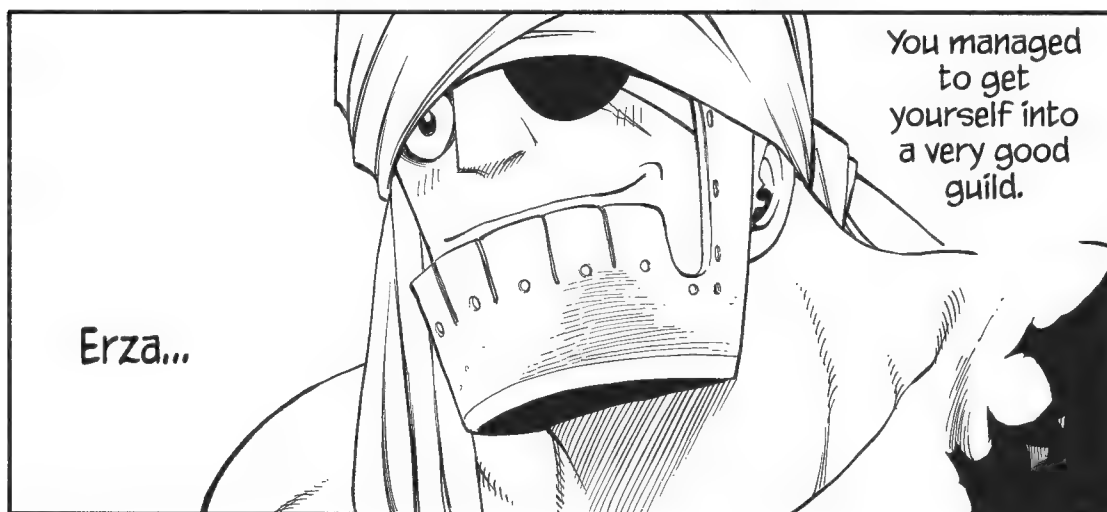


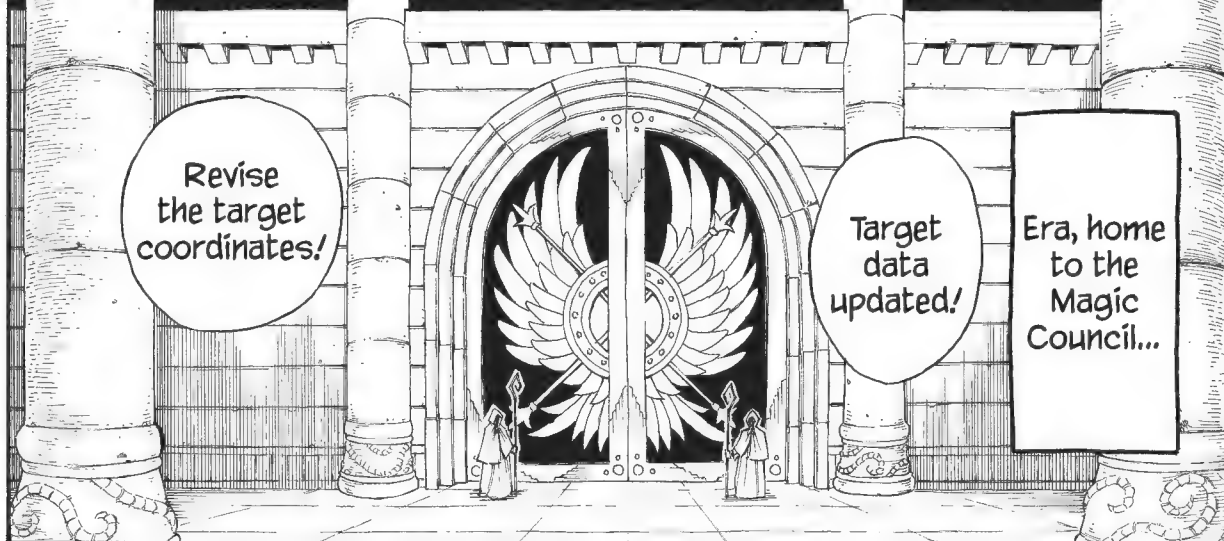
FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 90: Ikaruga







Revise
the target
coordinates!

Target
data
updated!

Era, home
to the
Magic
Council...



It's a
mountainous
region, and the
effect on the
wavelength has
meant countless
revisions to the
coordinates!

Give us just
a slightly
longer wave-
length!

Magical
charge
at 60%!

Etherion
Property
Fusion
complete!!



It couldn't be helped.

When the Council Chair took ill, I never imagined we would be faced with a decision like this...



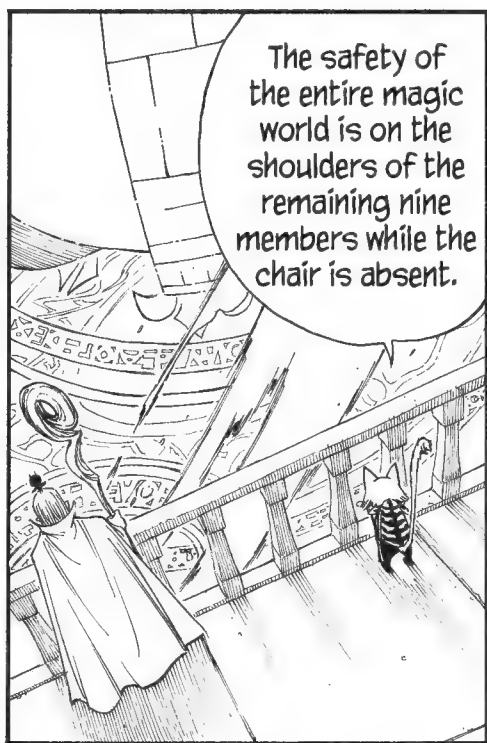
Twenty-seven minutes until we fire Etherion.



...but we're backed up by the International Safety Treaty, chapter 27, paragraph 4.

Yes, it's a magical attack on another country without permission...

You worry too much, Org.

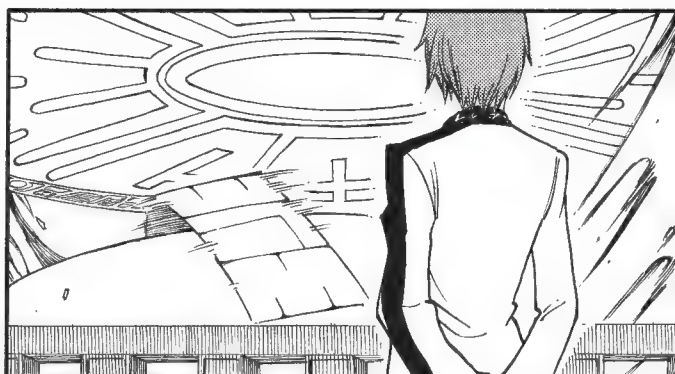


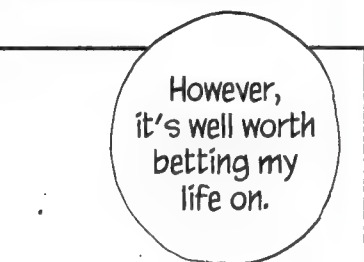
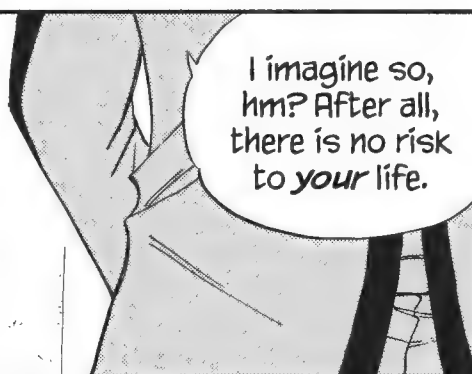
The safety of the entire magic world is on the shoulders of the remaining nine members while the chair is absent.



This is Etherion we're dropping on their heads!

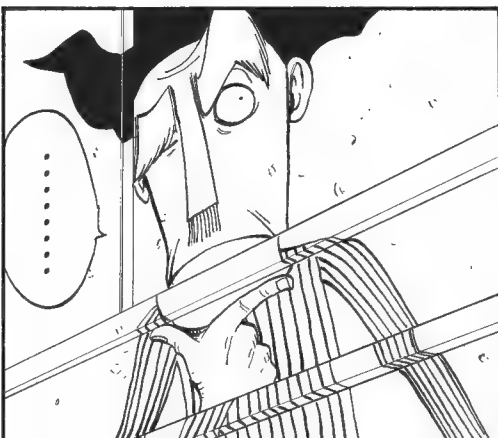
I'm not talking about whether we're covered **legally!**





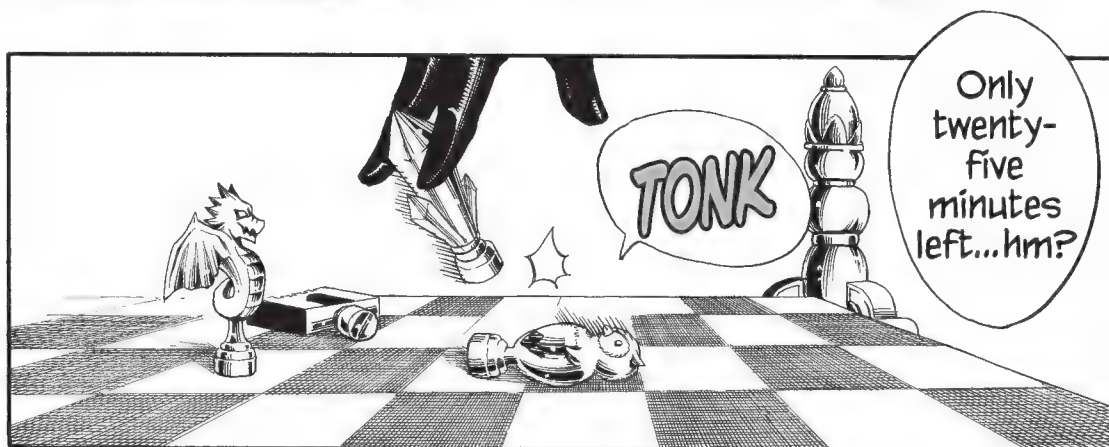
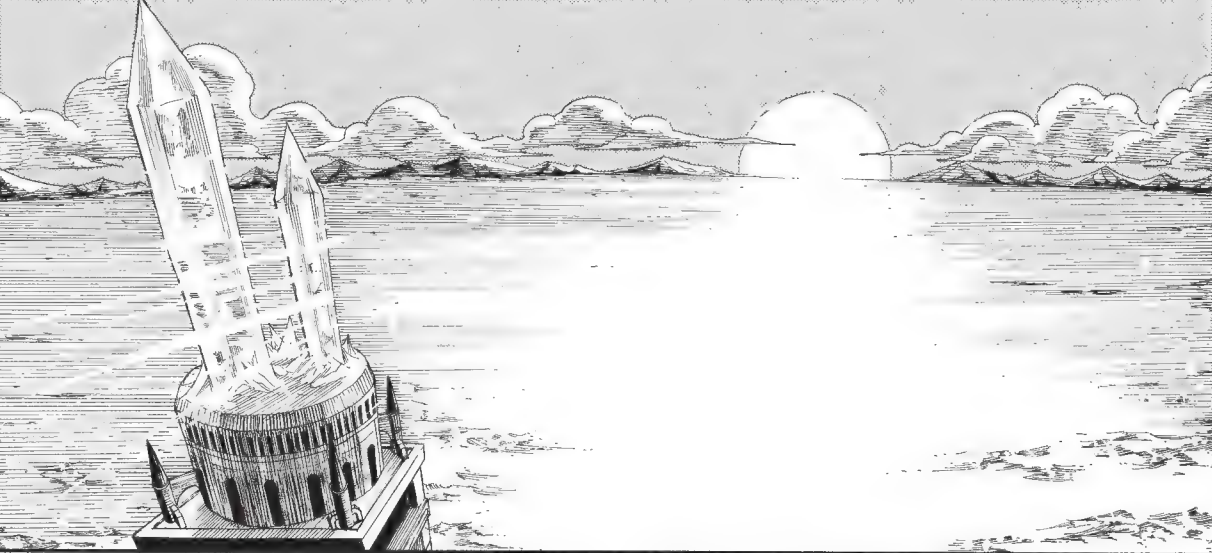


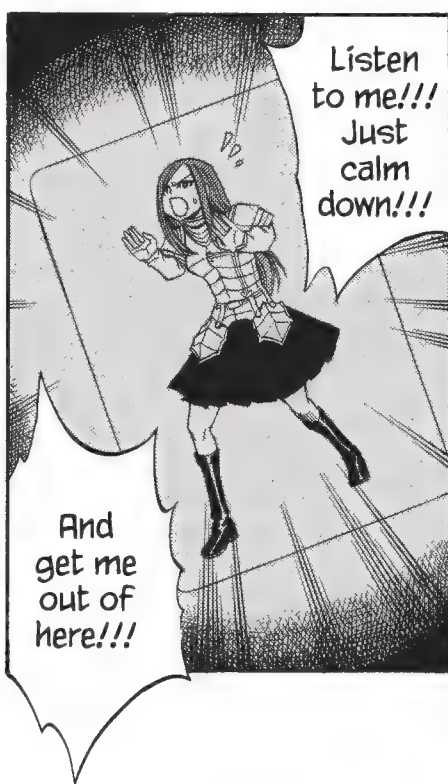
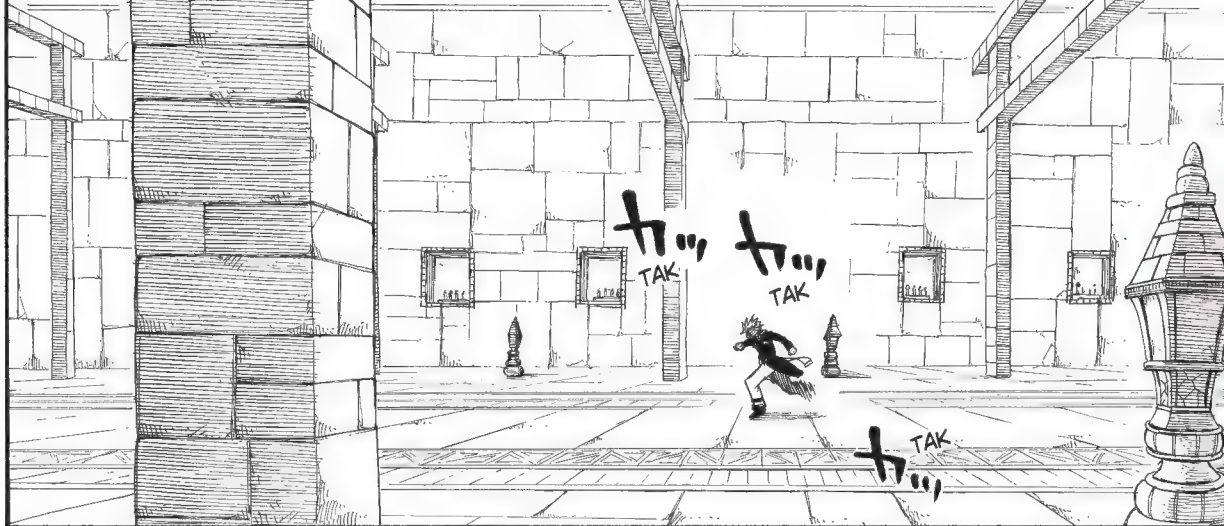
*For the
sake
of my
ideal!!*

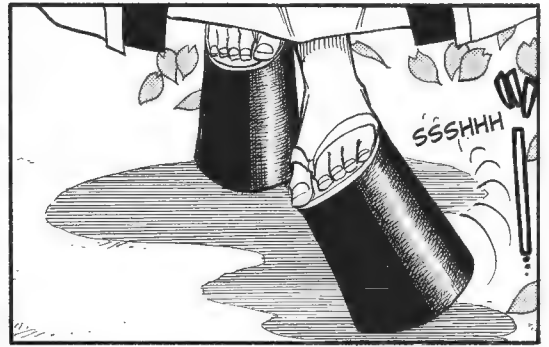
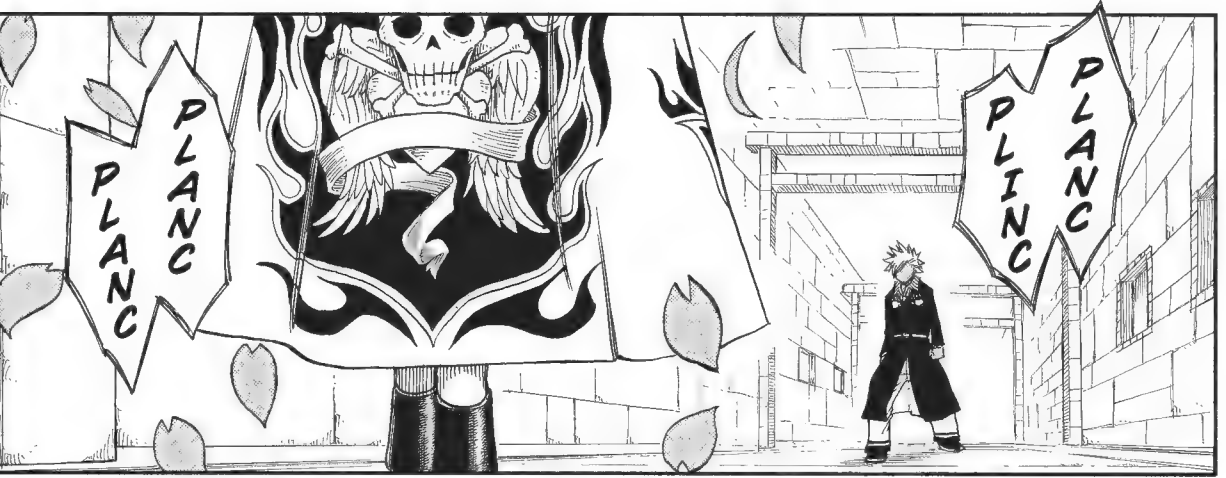
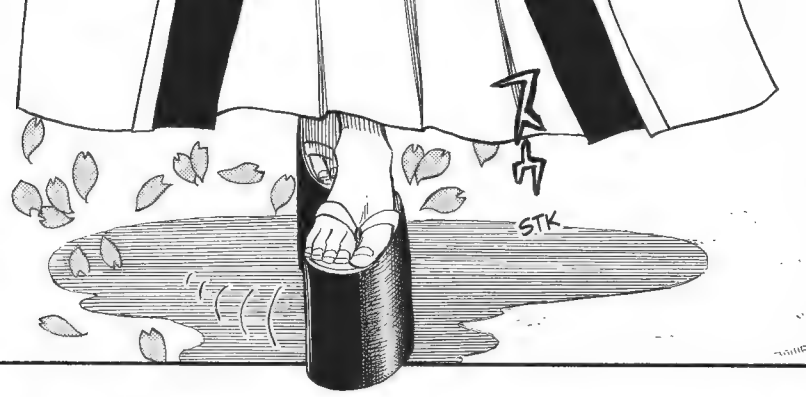


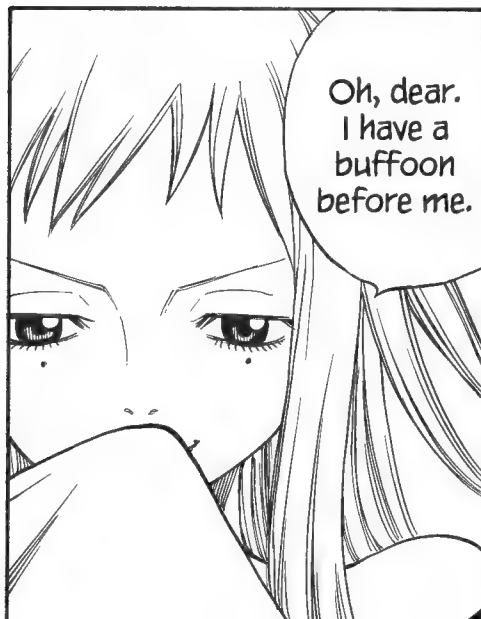
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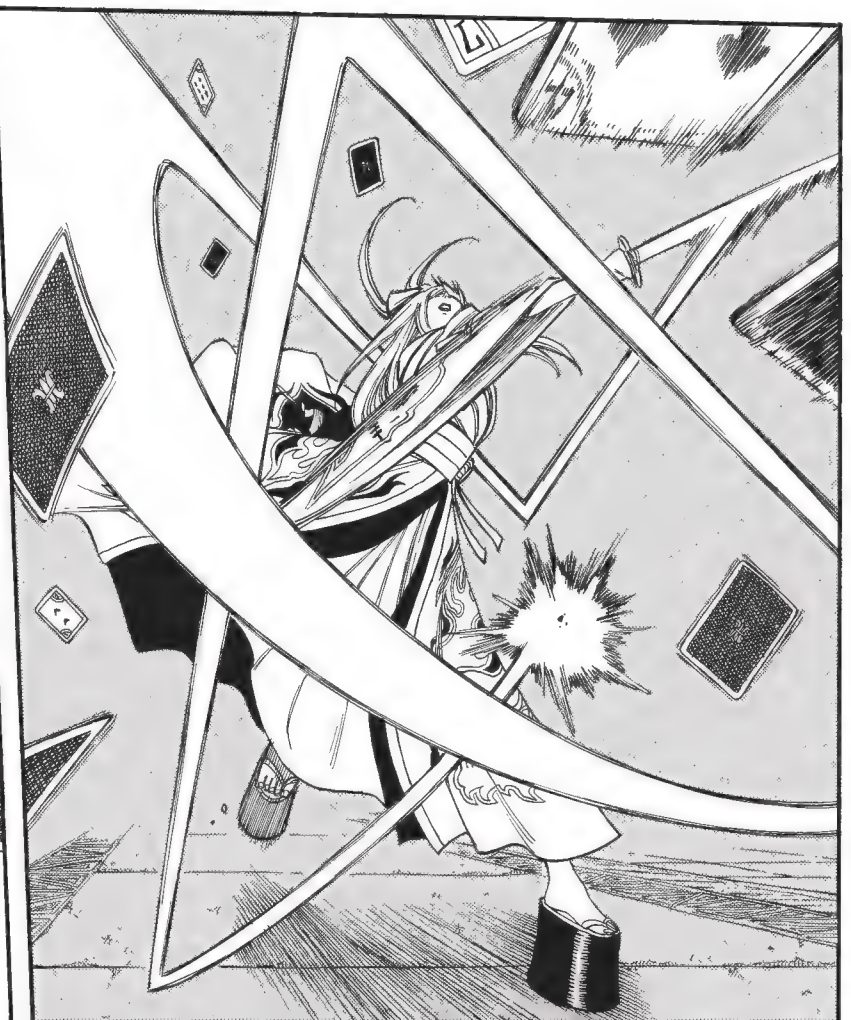
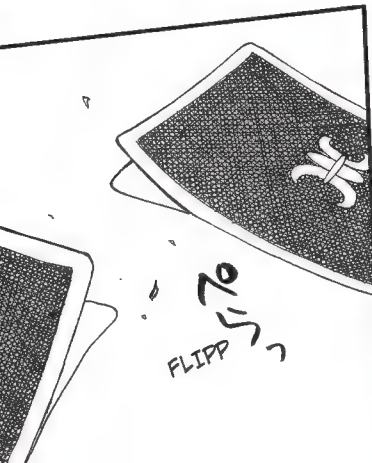
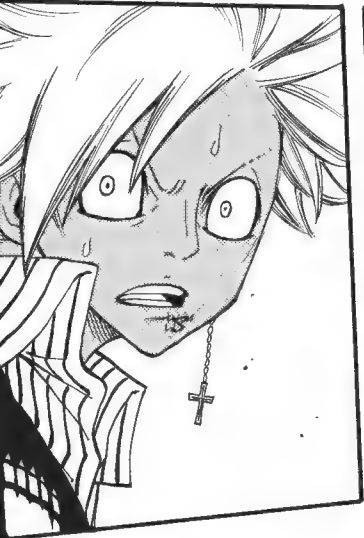
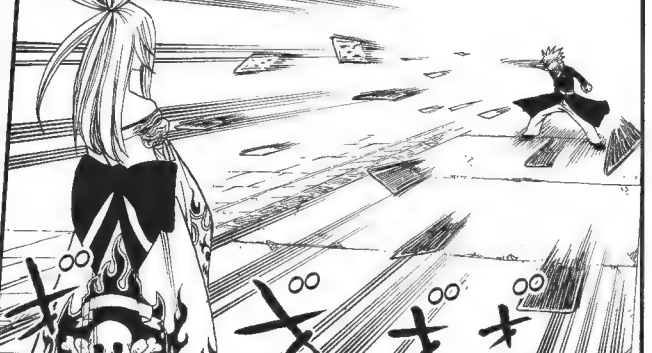
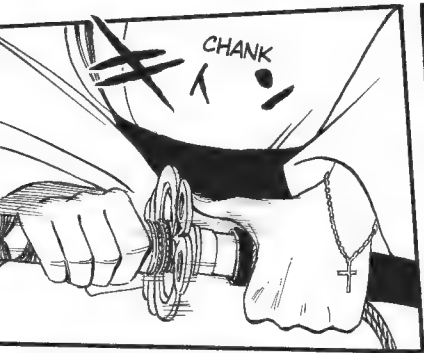
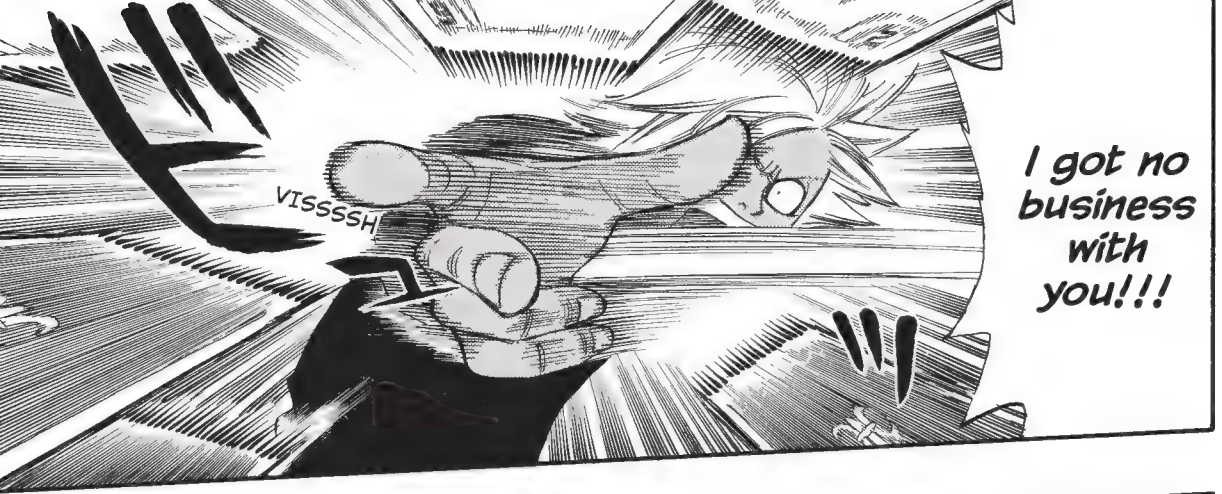


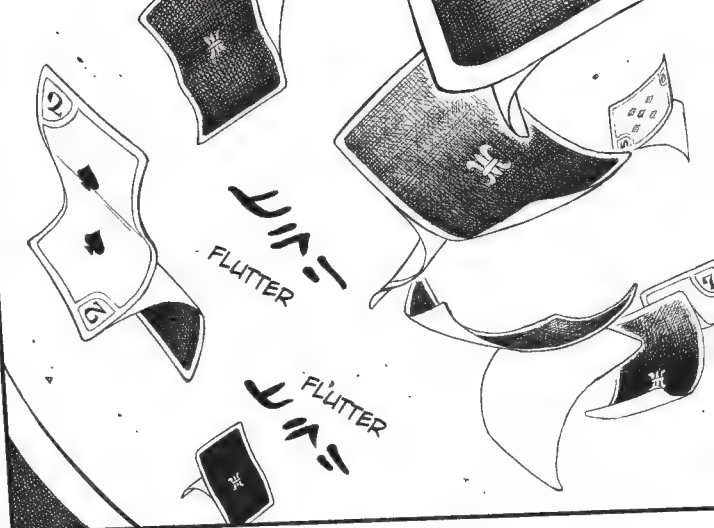


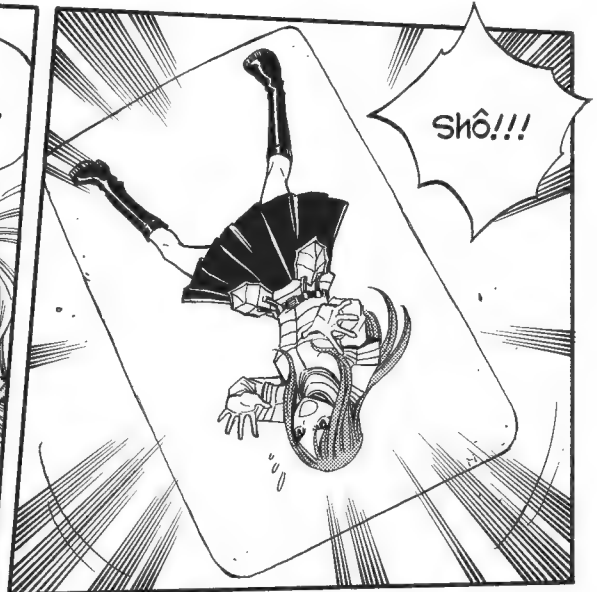
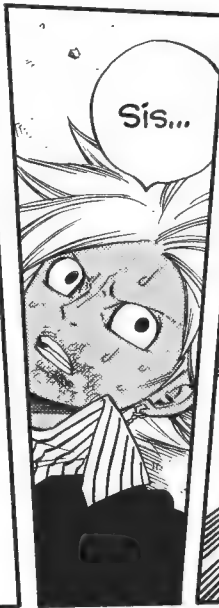


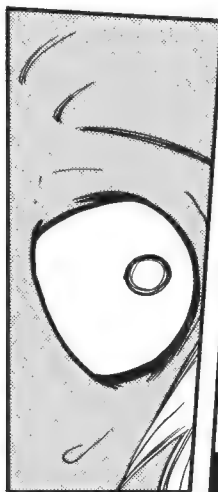
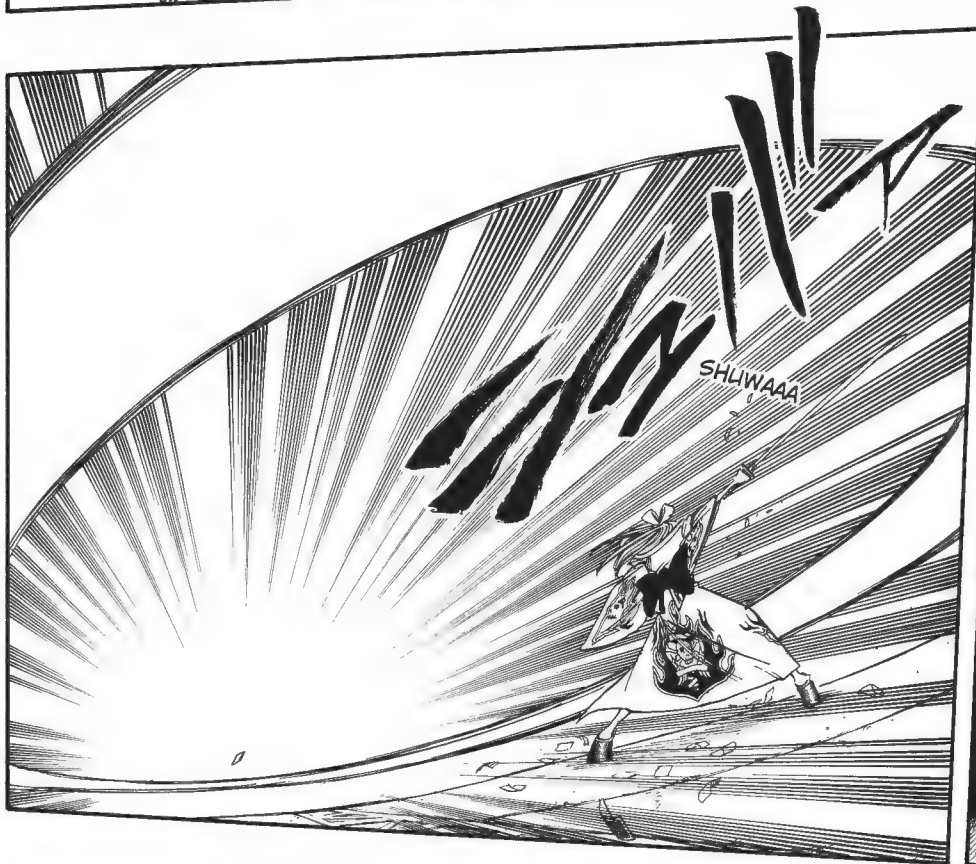


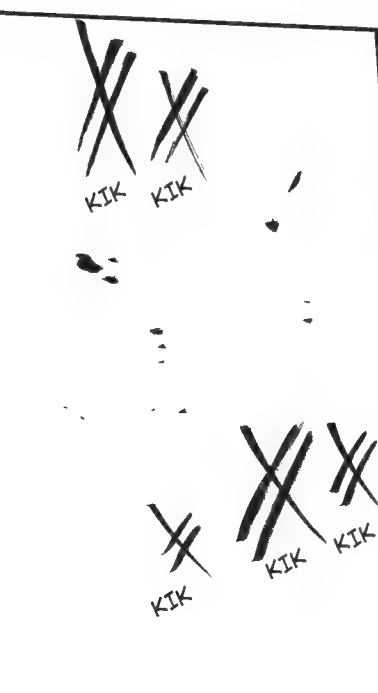
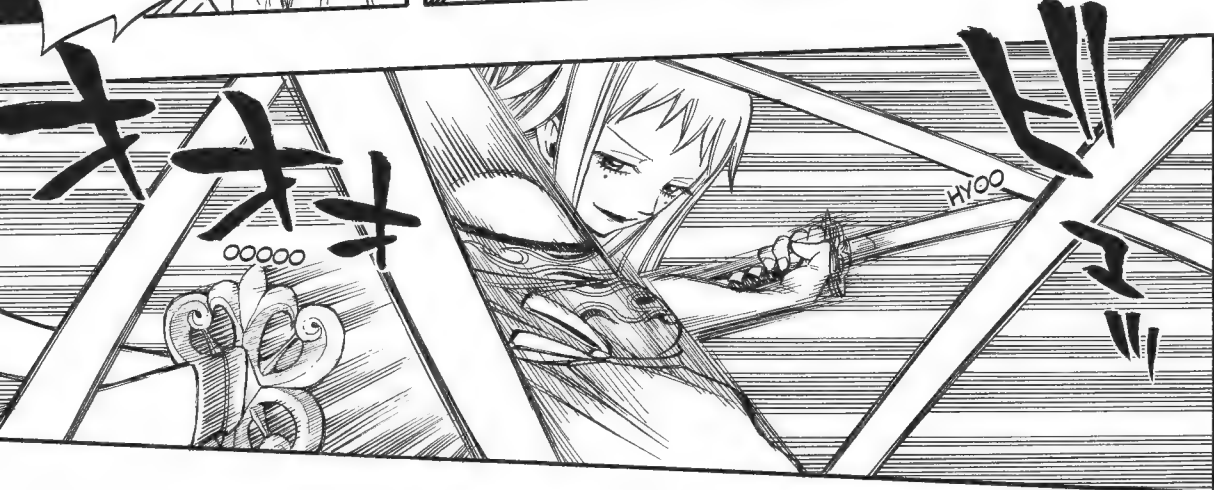


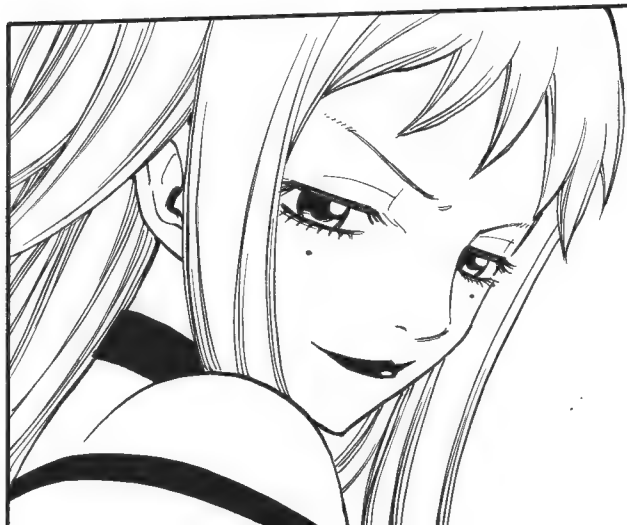


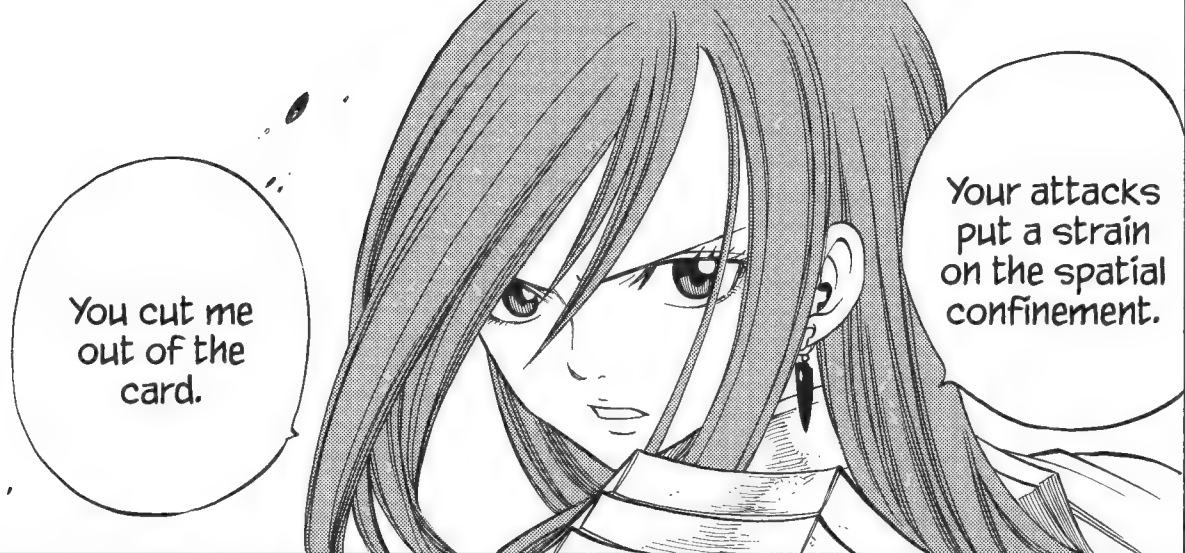






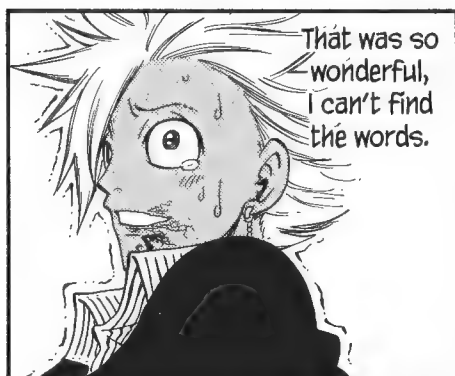




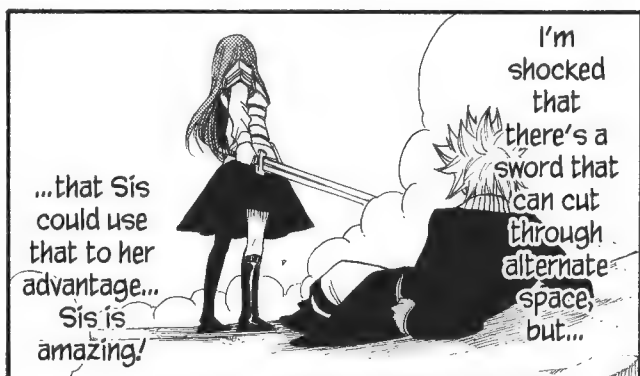


You cut me out of the card.

Your attacks put a strain on the spatial confinement.



That was so wonderful, I can't find the words.



...that Sis could use that to her advantage...
Sis is amazing!

I'm shocked that there's a sword that can cut through alternate space, but...



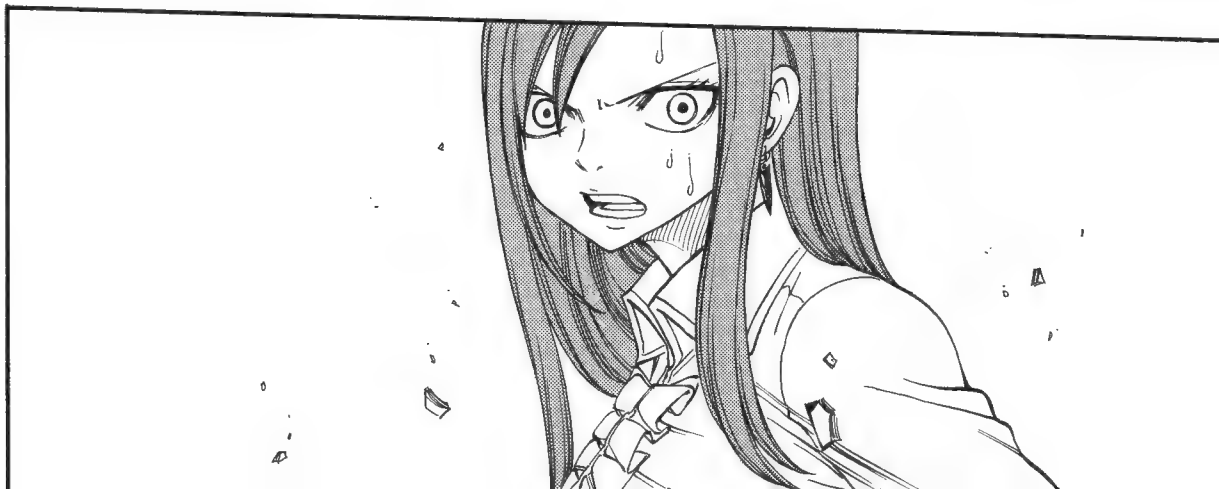
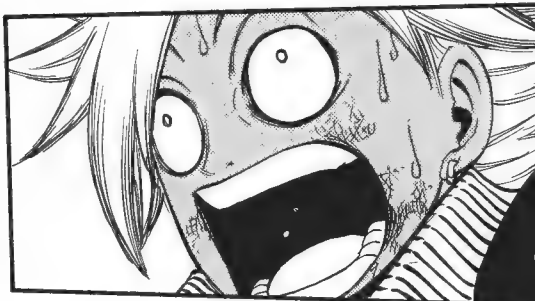
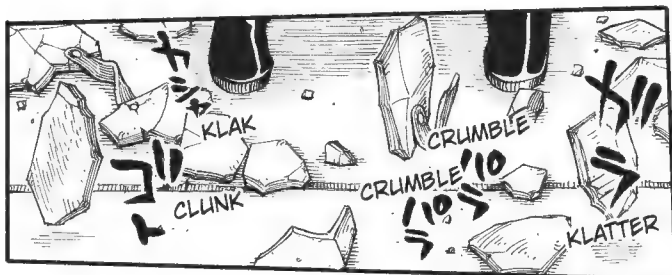
HEE

I have no use for you. Leave!

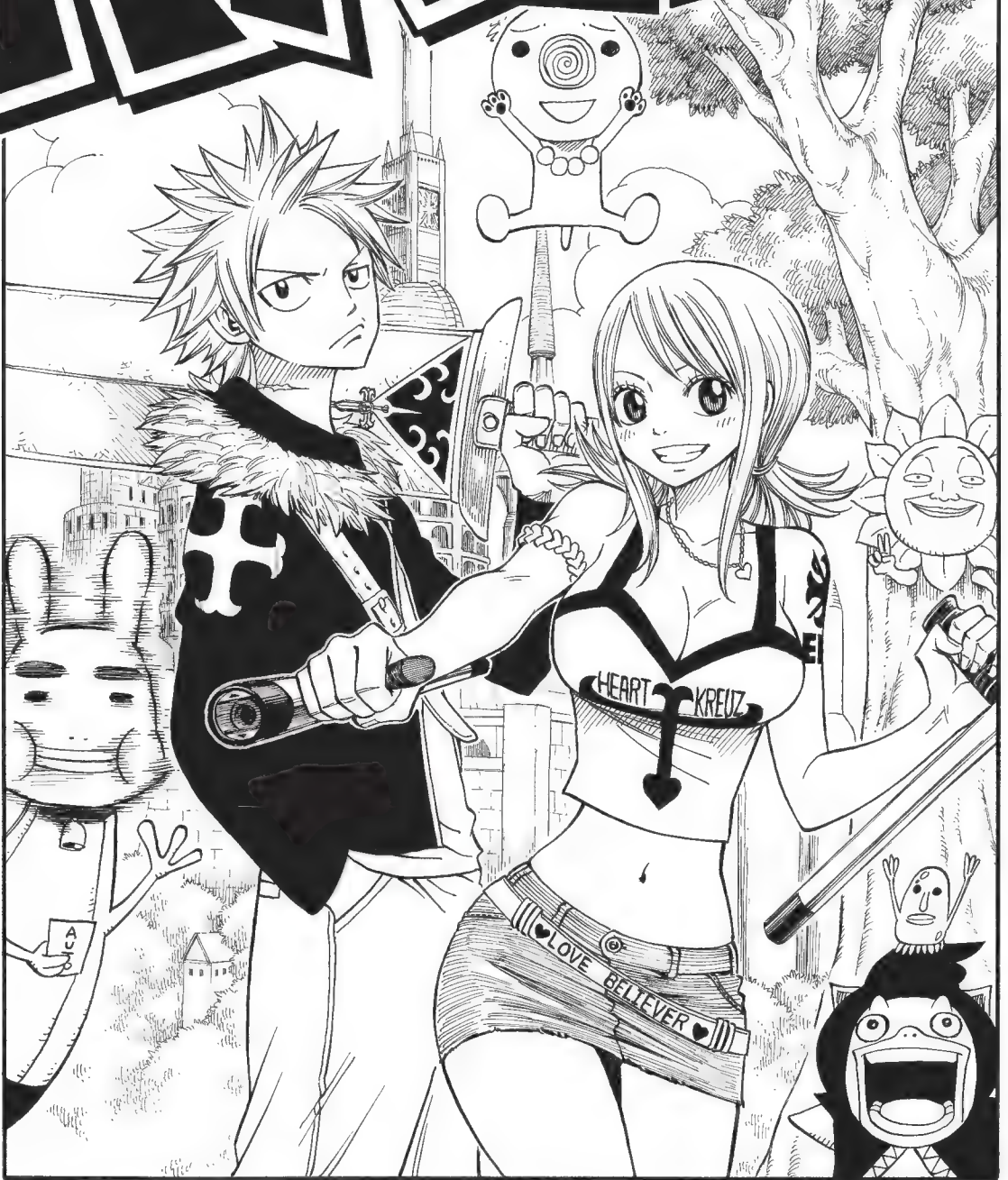
Consider
that my
greeting
to you.



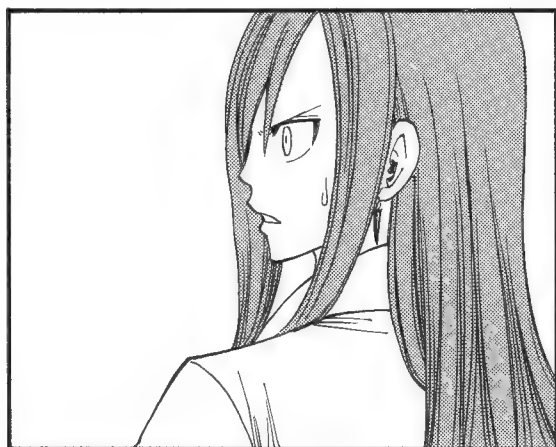
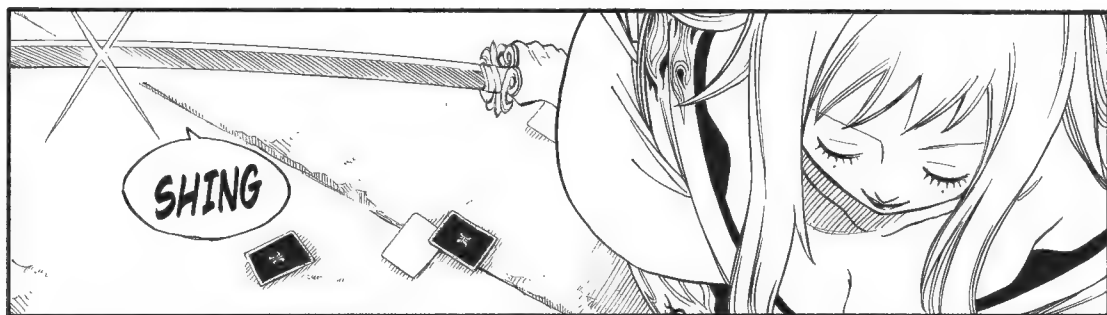
Oh my!
It couldn't be
that you didn't
see it coming,
could it?

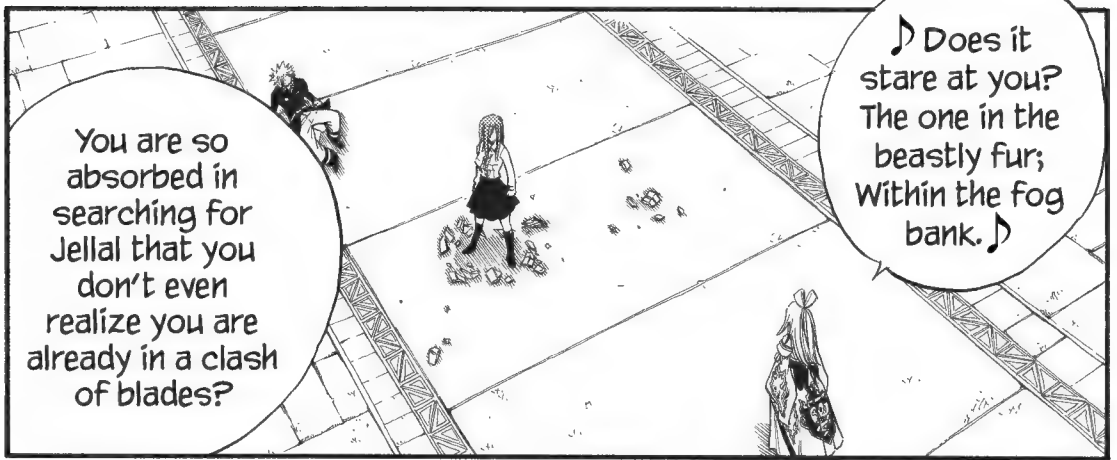


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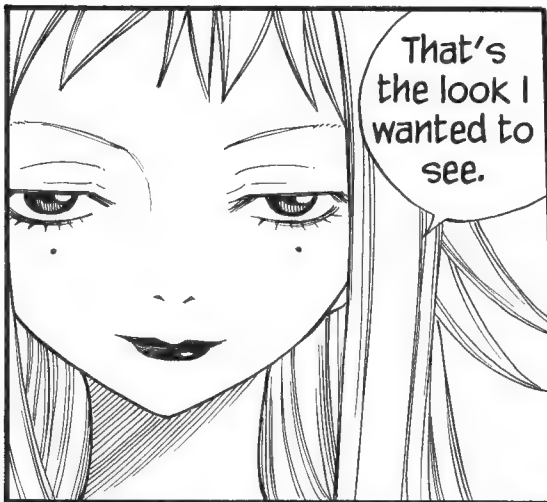
Chapter 91:
One Woman! The Decisive Outfit



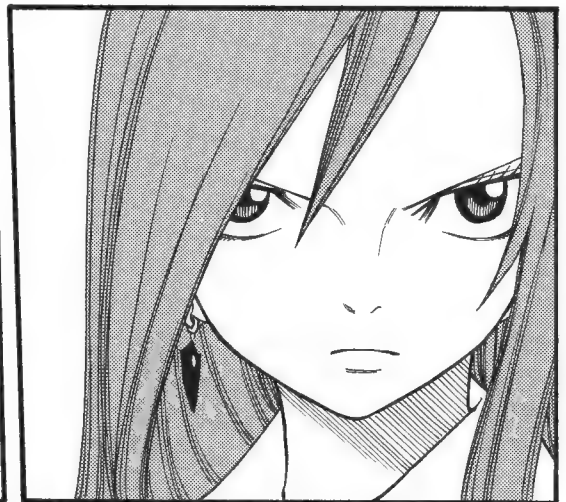


You are so absorbed in searching for Jellal that you don't even realize you are already in a clash of blades?

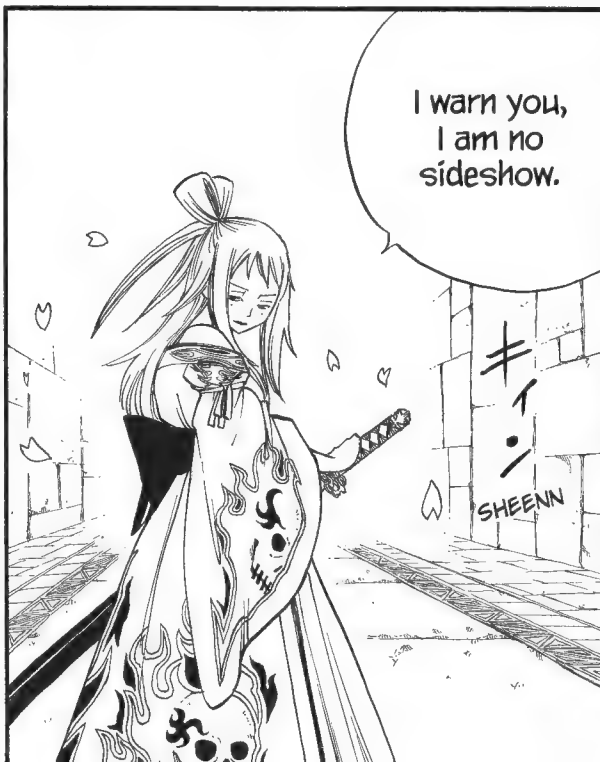
♪ Does it stare at you?
The one in the beastly fur;
Within the fog bank. ♪



That's the look I wanted to see.



It appears you are not.



I warn you,
I am no sideshow.

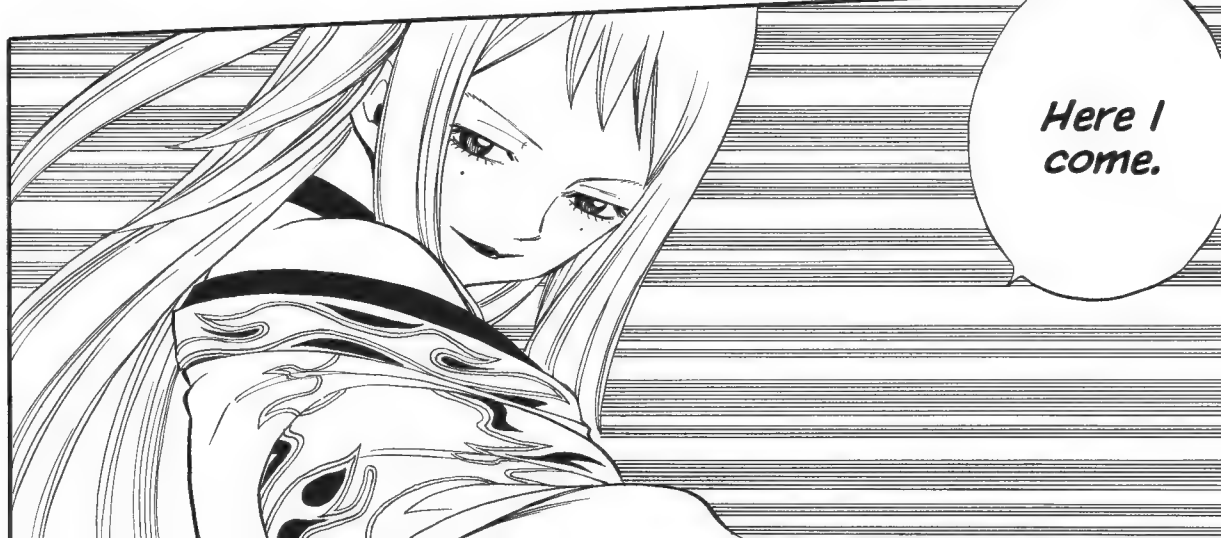
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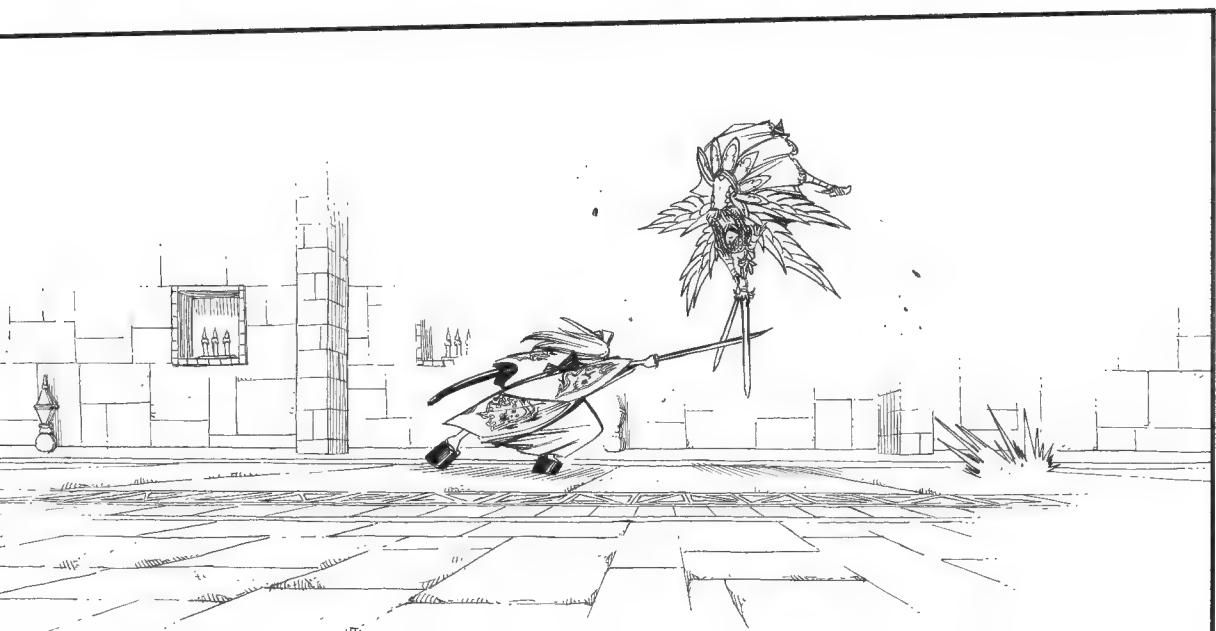
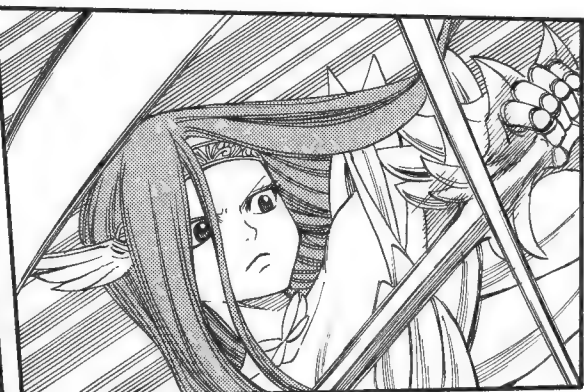
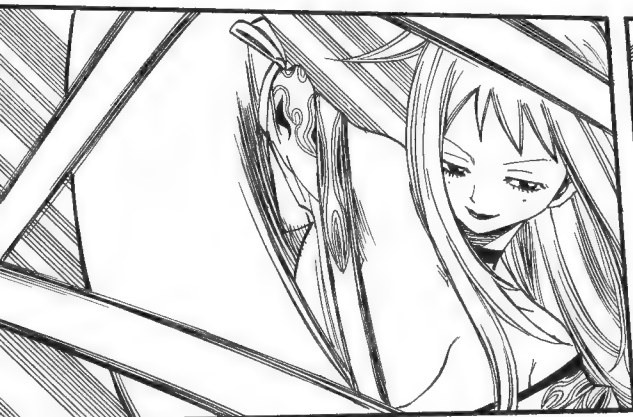
Sis is getting serious about this!



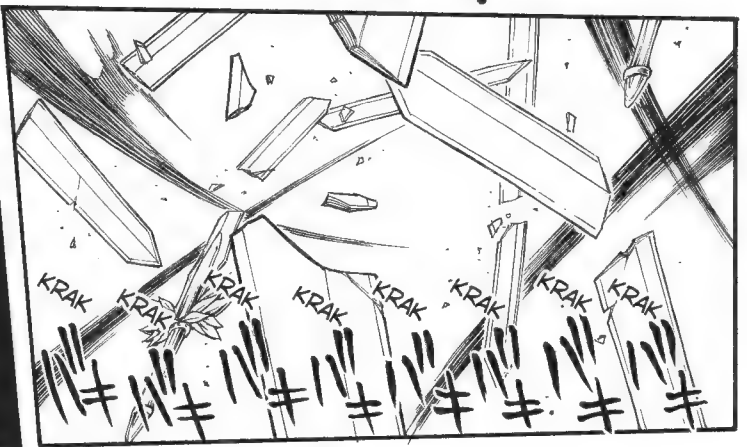
You
are the
enemy!!



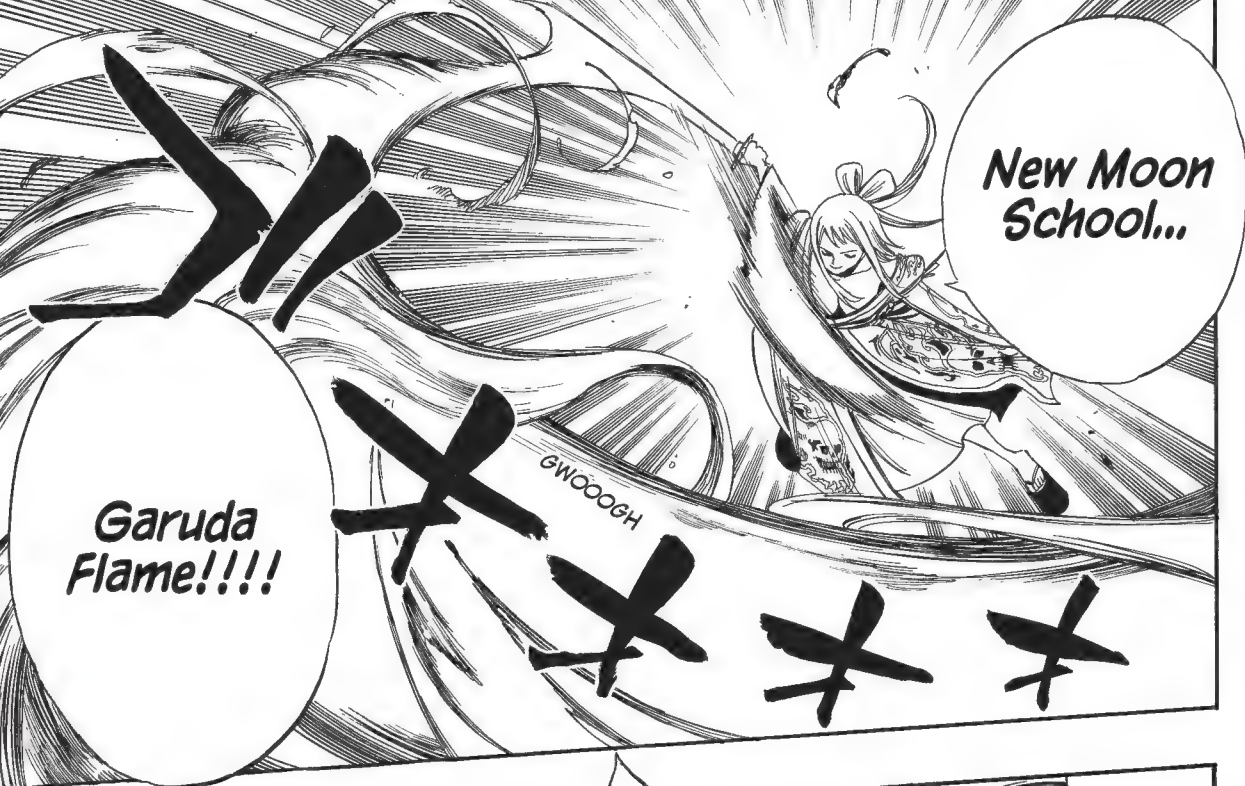
Here I
come.











**Garuda
Flame!!!!**

**New Moon
School...**

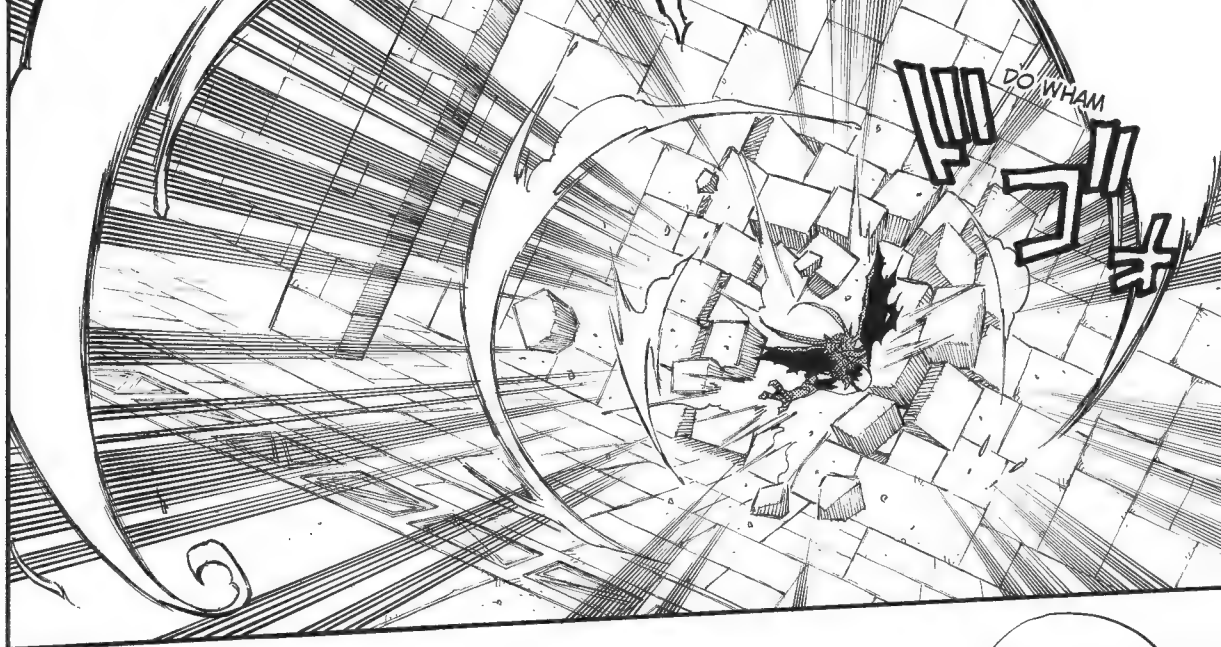


**Fire
Empress
Armor
!!!!**

**Requip
!!!**



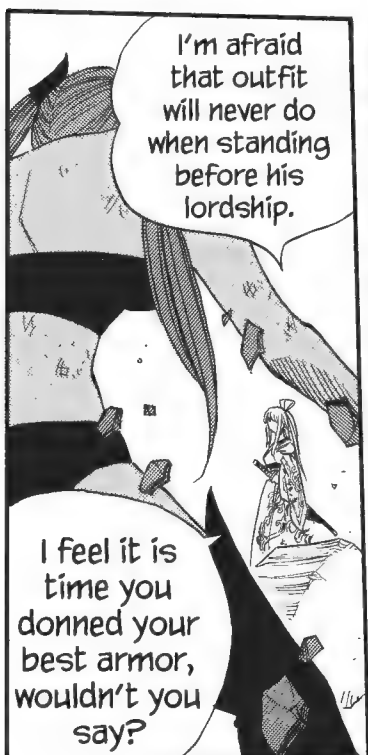
BOGHO



I
compliment
you on
your speed
donning it.

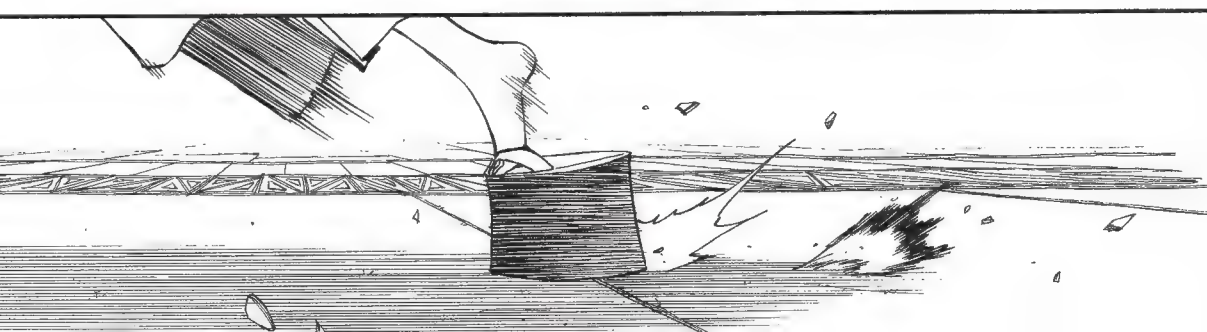


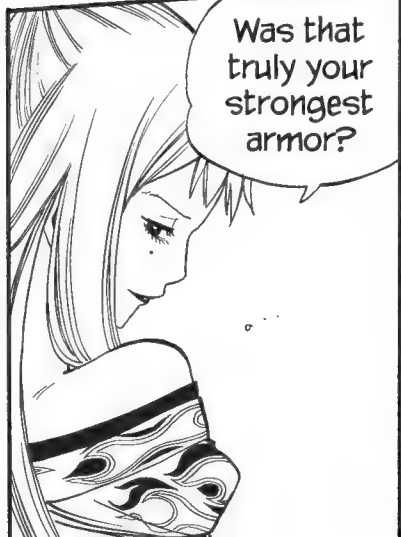
Do I detect
armor with
protection
against
fire?





Sh-
She's
a mon-
ster...





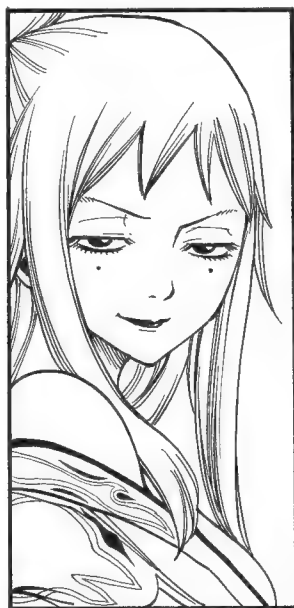
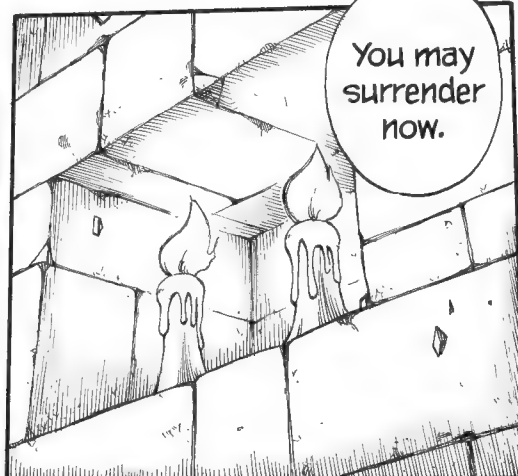
Was that truly your strongest armor?



Sis has no chance of winning this...

She can't win...

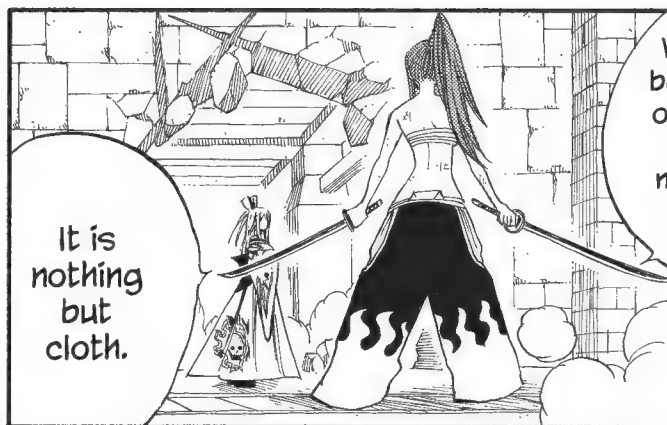






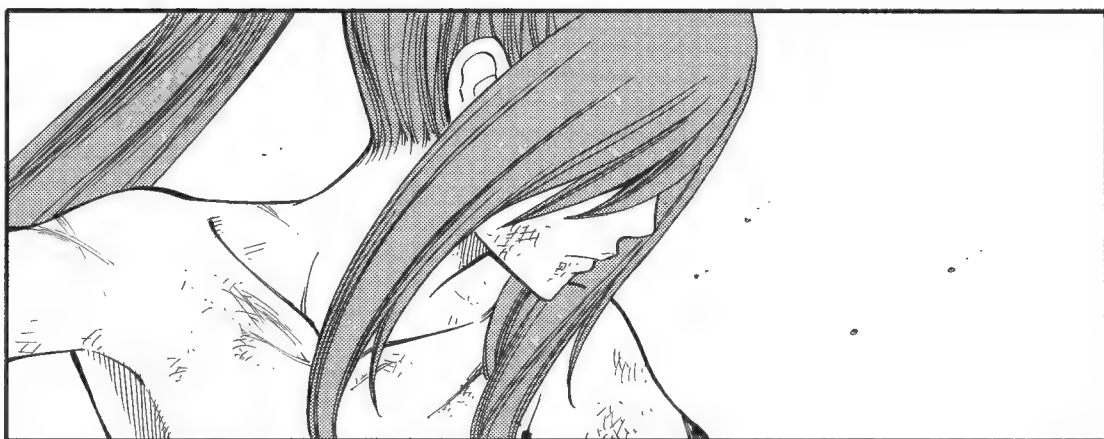


**Just
cloth
?!!**



**It is
nothing
but
cloth.**

**Whatever can
be the meaning
of that getup?
I sense no
magic coming
from your
outfit .**



**I am not
strong at
all.**



**Sis!!!
You're
stronger
than this,
right?!!**

**Sis, what are
you doing?!!
You should
have tons of
strong armor
left to
wear!!!**



**And here I was
kind enough to
show you my
sword skills...**

**...but
you go
so far as
to mock
me?!!**



*Okay, but
you're alone
now. What are
you crying
for?!*



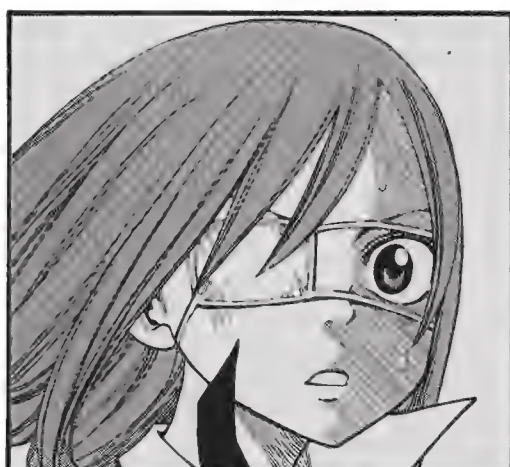
Not
strong...

I like
being
alone.

It's when
I'm with
other people
that I feel
uneasy.



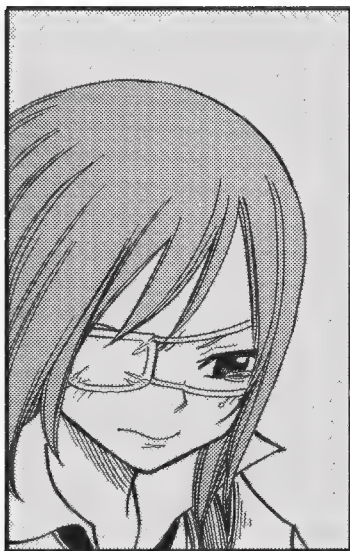
Too many of
my friends
have died right
before my
eyes.



And...



I haven't even
been able to
protect those
I consider
precious.



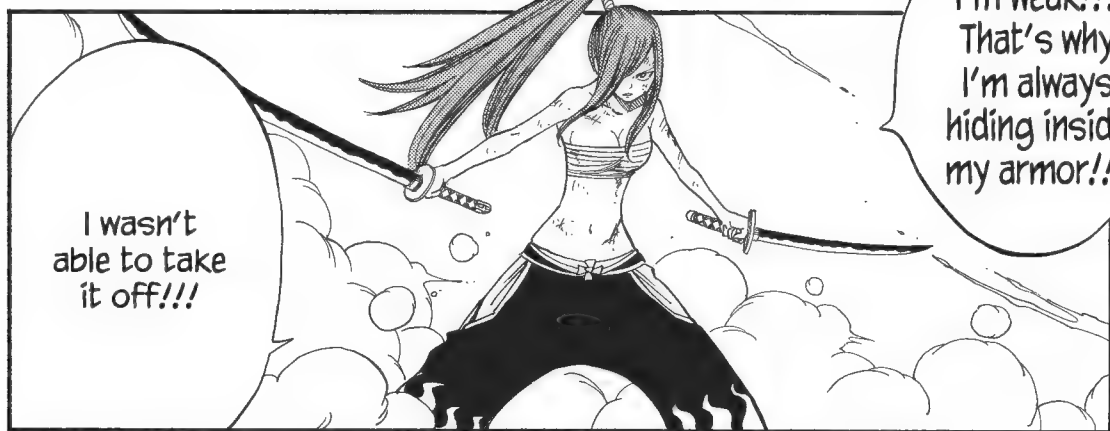
I'm always
crying.



...and
inside,
I cried.

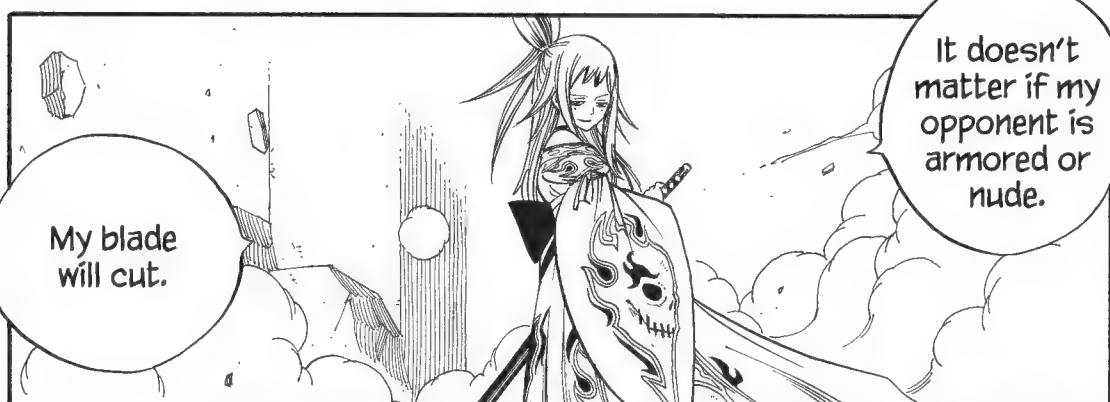
I shut my
own heart
within
armor...





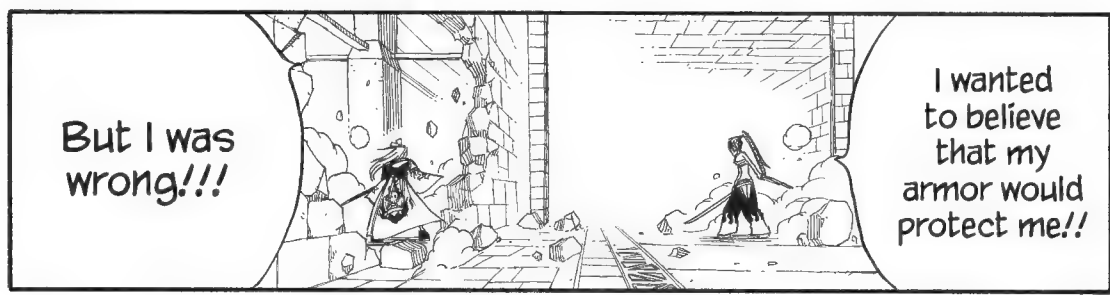
I wasn't able to take it off!!!

I'm weak!!!
That's why I'm always hiding inside my armor!!!



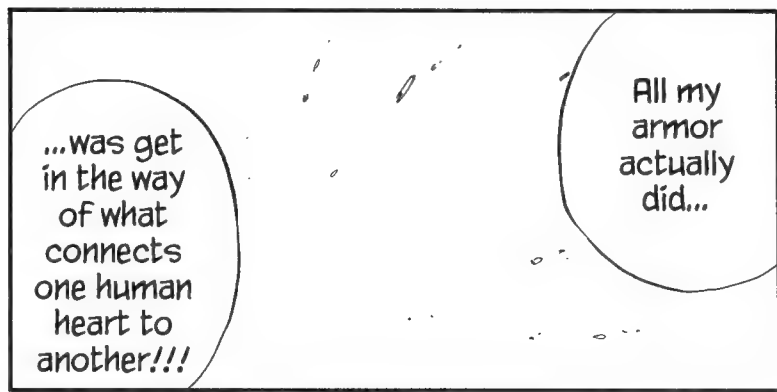
My blade will cut.

It doesn't matter if my opponent is armored or nude.



But I was wrong!!!

I wanted to believe that my armor would protect me!!



...was get in the way of what connects one human heart to another!!!

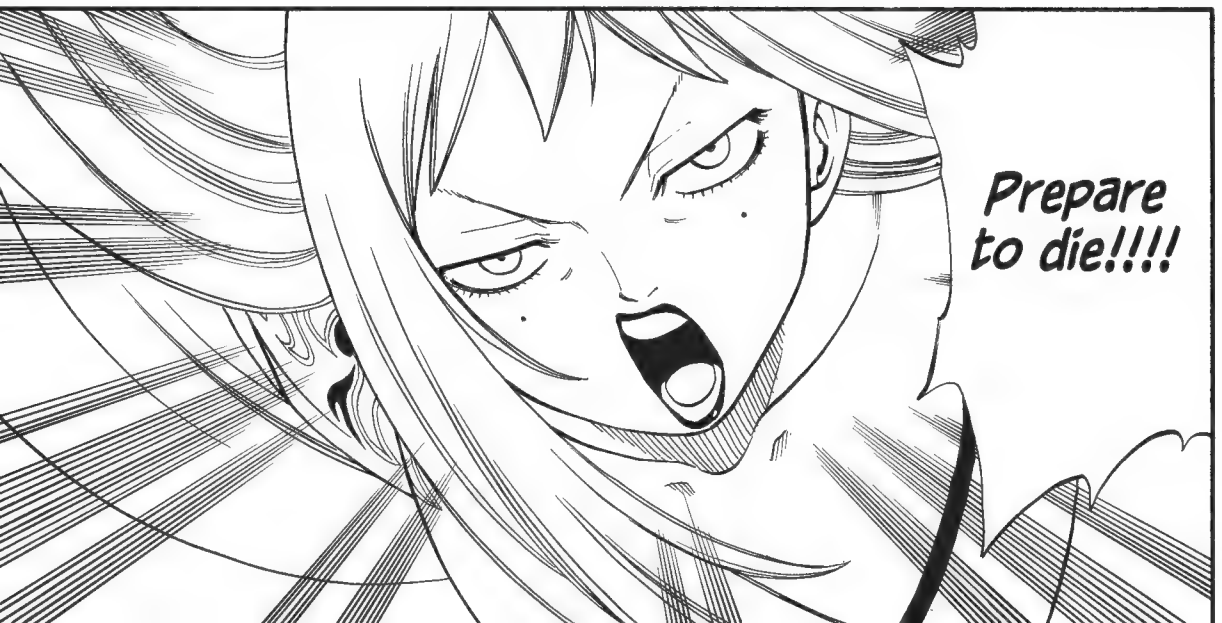
All my armor actually did...





*That's what
being at
Fairy Tail
has taught
me!!!*

*That it's
actually very
warm when
you shorten
the distance
between
you and the
people who
share your
life!!!*



*Prepare
to die!!!!*



*I am no
longer
fooling
myself!!!!*

*I will take
everything
I have,
make it my
strength,
and
strike!!!!*

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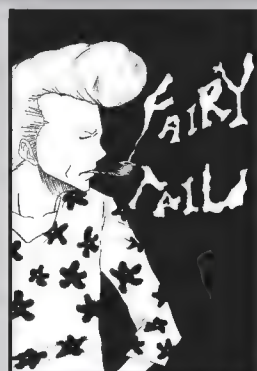
FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

The *Fairy Tail* Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your black-and-white art on large postcard stock!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!

Okinawa Prefecture, Akemi Teruya



▲ This is pretty messed up, huh? There are people kicking things out there! (laughs)



Saga Prefecture, Shūichi Iwasaki

▼ Wakaba! You're always looking weathered. Charge! Down the path to middle-agedness!



Aichi Prefecture, Takuya Takigawa

▼ I get postcard after postcard from fans who are rooting for Laxus!!



Fukuoka Prefecture, Keel

▼ Ohh! There's a dragon coming out of that fire!! Now that's hot!



Nagasaki Prefecture, Yū

▼ Thank you! And I love anybody who can draw such a cute Lucy! ♥



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kirin

▼ Now, how is it going to turn out between these two...?



Hyogo Prefecture, Misaki

Rejection Corner

▼ That's a pretty good dandy! Hang in there, Wally!

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Hiro Mashima
451 Park Ave. South
7th Floor
New York, NY 10016



Aichi Prefecture, Anzu

▼ You know, I think this is cuter and more erotic than the way I draw it!



Kagoshima Prefecture, Mugen

▼ This is very well drawn! I'm a pro, and I throw up my hands in surrender!



Iwate Prefecture, Yurie Abe

▼ Loke will show up again! Message to his fans, look for him!



Hyogo Prefecture, Mitsunari Kawabata

▼ This is a very rare pairing... I like the face Cancer is making!



Saitama Prefecture, Haruka

▼ Now that's an amazingly girlish picture of Erza! That doesn't happen very often!



Hiroshima Prefecture, Momiji

▼ Kittymander...Breathes fire... Is this really now Kittymander should be drawn?!



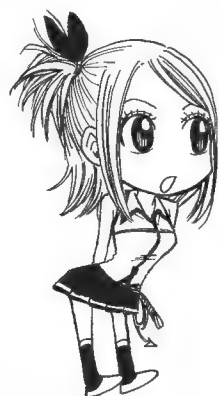
Gunma Prefecture, Umi

▼ A very sexy Mira-chan! She hasn't had much of a part recently...

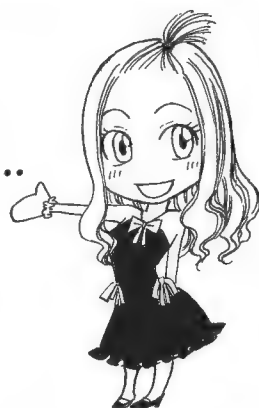


Kanagawa Prefecture, M.I.

▼ Yes, who is the heroine? That is the question? I vote for Tomeko! Heh heh...



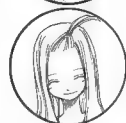
Emergency Request Explain the Mysteries of... FAIRYTAIL



From the Counter at Fairy Tail...



: Hi everybody! Long time, no see!!



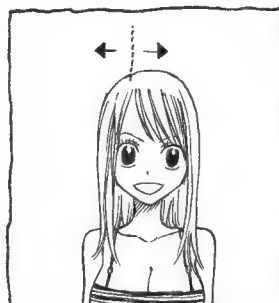
: We were only absent from one volume.

Lucy: Honestly! When this corner was left out of the last volume, I was shocked! I thought it was all over for us!!

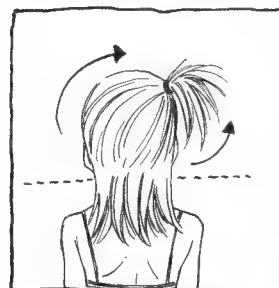
Mira: It can't end like that! There's still so much for readers to complain about in this manga!

Lucy: I don't know whether to be happy or sad about that! (sweat, sweat)

Mira: Let's get to the first question.



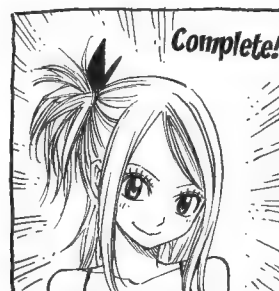
First, I part my hair somewhere about one quarter of the way across the bangs. But you can do it wherever you like, really.



You want to take up some of your hair from a line above the nape of the neck, and be sure to leave some behind. You want to gather it and tie it on the top-right side of your head. Don't worry about it too much. Just do whatever you can with it.



Tie it off with a hair band and decorate it with a ribbon. Then take a comb and tease the gathered hair until it shifts around easily. Again, there's no need to obsess. Just do what you can.



If you put a little hairspray on it, it'll look a little better. And you're done!!

I think Lucy's hairstyle is cute, and I'd like to do the same with my hair. How do I do it?



: Well! ♥ What a wonderful question!

Mira: It's from a grade-school-aged girl.

Lucy: Okay, let me teach you a simple way of doing it.

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Mira: Let's continue with the next question.

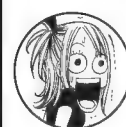
Could you let me know the order from strongest to weakest of Lucy's Twelve Golden Gate Celestial Spirits?



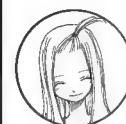
Lucy: Ehh? That's a hard question! Celestial spirits have all sorts of different strengths and weaknesses. Hm...

Mira: Okay, after reading all the volumes so far, I'll give you my impressions.

- #1. Plue (Seems to be unrivaled)
- #2. Aquarius (Strong!)
- #3. Loke (Sort of strong)
- #4. The cow and the crab, and the others.



: That's awful!!! Plue's not even a celestial spirit of the Twelve Golden Gates!!



: Huh? I thought my assessment was pretty accurate.

Lucy: Not only that, but actually Taurus (Bull) and Cancer (Crab) are both pretty strong!

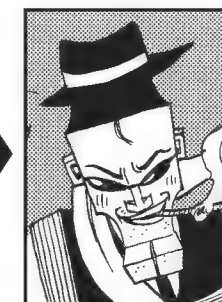
Mira: What about the maid and the horse guy?



: They're really strong too!! Anyway, I can't decide an order!!

Mira: Then we'll just go on to the final question.

Why did Wally turn into that boxy guy?



Lucy: Hmm...

Mira: I wonder...

Lucy: Maybe he was pursuing being the perfect dandy, and he just turned out that way.

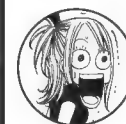
Mira: I've known it to happen.

Lucy: Or maybe he was going down a boxy-like passageway and by the end, he was boxy too.

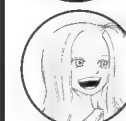
Mira: Happens all the time.

Lucy: Or maybe one day, a goddess appeared before his eyes. And she ordered him to be boxy from that moment on.

Mira: Nope. That would never happen.



: What's with the sudden rejection?



: I think it was love.

Lucy: L-Love?



: Isn't that how the old saying goes? "Love makes you boxy"?



: **Nobody has ever said that!!!**

AFTERWORD

Trinity Raven! I came up with them at the last moment. Originally the ones who were going to stand between our heroes and Jellal were Shô, Simon, and the others. But while I was writing the chapters of Erza's past (the chapters toward the end of the last volume), I started feeling really sorry for them. Even if Natsu and Gray were to defeat them, it wouldn't really solve their conflicts. And so, all very quickly, I set up the Trinity Raven. The scene of the fight between Natsu and Wally and Millianna was done in a very comical way, so it didn't draw the same kind of sympathy that my original idea had.

People who read these Afterword sections might have come to notice already, but tales like this change an awful lot. It happens all the time that a story I've completely thought through will take an unexpected turn. In this particular story arc, there have been a number of changes. The Trinity Raven is just a typical example. And my style is to not think too much about what comes after, so every week I find myself saying, *I wonder what will come next?* (Or, *what'll I do now?!?*) That's the way I am, but here, I actually have given the way this story arc ends a lot of thought. Well, I gave it a bit of vague thought on all the other stories. (sweat, sweat) For the end of the Deliora story arc, I thought, *Gray'll end up winning...right?* For the Phantom arc, *Makarov will prove to be really strong...right?* I sort of muddle through to the end.

But not this time!! I've given the end of this story arc some concrete thought!!! And it looks like it will turn out to be a really good story... At least I hope it turns out good...So expect great things!!



About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in Nagano Prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shōnen Magazine*, is his latest creation.



My name is Tama
Gonzaburo!!
I'm going to slide right
down your throat!!
And just think how tasty
your beef bowl would be
with me on top!!
Can you even imagine
breakfast without me?!!
Wow-wow!! I'm a
reproductive cell!!...
Sorry.
I'm really tired.

—Hiro Mashima

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madôshi* as "wizard." But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards, such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Tama Gonzaburo, page 191

The Japanese word for "egg" is *tamago*. So Tama Gonzaburo is something of a pun on the word "egg."

Sneezing when someone is gossiping about you, page 27

There is an old saying that when you sneeze, someone is talking about you. This has turned into a shorthand version of a standard joke in Japanese TV dramas, anime, manga, and other media. A group of people are talking about a character, then there is a sudden scene change to that character who sneezes and wonders if he is coming down with a cold. In reality, very few people believe this is true, but the joke still “plays” nonetheless.



In-cat-ceration Tube, page 31

The Japanese word for “incarceration” or “restraint” is *kôsoku*, and the Japanese word for “cat” is *neko*. Millianna’s attack in Japanese was, *Ne-kôsoku Tube* (with “tube” being in English). Since there was no way to translate the pun on the manga page, I replaced it with an English pun and elected to explain it here in the notes.

The names of the Trinity Raven, page 42



All of the names of the members of Trinity Raven are Japanese words for birds. As you, the reader, have probably already guessed, *fukuro* is the Japanese word for “owl.” Slightly less obvious are *taka*, which means “hawk,” and *ikaruga*, which is the word used when referring to a bird known as the Japanese grosbeak. (That’s why Ikaruga calls herself “Ikaruga the Dove” later on. We just thought “dove” sounded more elegant than “grosbeak.”)

Vidaldus-han, page 50

Japanese grosbeak speaks in the Kyoto version of the *Kansai-ben* dialect (accent for the *Kansai* region that mainly consists of Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, and Nara but also includes the surrounding areas). In many versions of the *Kansai* accent of Japanese, the honorific *-san* is pronounced *-han*.

Faakin' Gals, page 72

Okay, I chickened out a little and transliterated (put the Japanese pronunciation intact in the alphabet) rather than translated Vidaldu's line. But there are reasons for it. The F-bomb has a certain amount of emotional content in English that it doesn't have in Japanese. In Japanese, it's just something that heavy-metal rockers or tough guys in movies say. While at the same time, the Japanese "swear words" being used in *Fairy Tail* are all rather tame—they might be said on TV without anyone batting an eye. Any Japanese equivalent to the F-bomb would be out of place in the Japanese version, and the actual F-bomb would be out of place in the American version.

Lock and rock, page 76

As any first-year Japanese language course will tell you, the Japanese people (who don't have training in the English language) cannot hear the difference between the *l* and *r* sounds. For example, the words "correction" and "collection" sound exactly the same to a Japanese native speaker. (The same kind of thing goes both ways. Native English speakers, at first, have a tough time distinguishing between the short and long vowels of Japanese words. "Mr. Oka," *Oka-san*, sounds very much like the Japanese word for "mother," *okaa-san*.) To a native Japanese speaker, "lock" and "rock" sound exactly the same and are spelled the same in Japanese.



Shampooing every morning, page 78

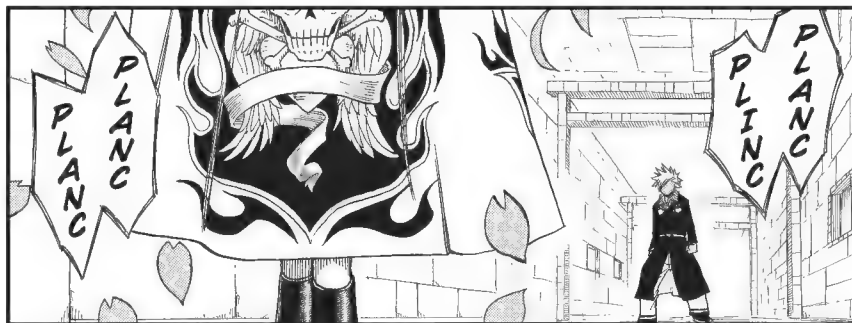
There is some research to back up Vidaldu's claim. Reportedly, daily washing strips the scalp of a beneficial oil called sebum, and can damage hair. Apparently the scalp tries to compensate for the washed-off oil by producing more oil, but breaking the daily shampooing habit will, within a little while, cause the scalp to return to its normal oil production, and one's hair will not be as greasy as it will seem when one first breaks the habit. At least one dermatologist recommends shampooing only twice or three times a week.

Water Cane, page 88

If you're wondering why a stick that helps people walk is thought of as a weapon, remember that in parts of Asia, caning is a still form of criminal punishment. It is used much like a whip, meant to flay skin off the caning victim's back. Often in Japanese period dramas, the villains will capture a hero or innocent bystander and cane him or her to try to get information.

Drainage Ditch, page 125

By the side of nearly every road in Japan is a drainage ditch to drain rain water from the road. The ditches are usually covered by small blocks of concrete, but in many rural and some urban settings, the ditches remain uncovered and present something of a hazard to pedestrians since many (if not most) of Japanese streets lack sidewalks.



Planc and plinc, page 155

This is supposed to be the sound of a shamisen playing traditional music in the background. But since the shamisen isn't a common instrument in the West, the sound effect doesn't come across as well as it does to Japanese readers.

Does it stare at you?...Within the fog bank, page 167

This verse is in the form of a haiku, the form of Japanese poetry that is best known to the Western world. It is descended from the older Japanese poem form, *waka*. But haiku is a form that is more bound by rules (it must be a natural setting; it must have some word indicating the season; etc.), and it is a shorter form of poem at seventeen syllables (5-7-5) to *waka's* thirty-one (5-7-5-7-7). Although one can generally say more using seventeen syllables of English than one can in seventeen syllables of Japanese, language translation generally takes more words to get the point across—so with some imagination, one can translate haiku into the same number of syllables.

Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics.

- san:** This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama:** This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono:** This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even between lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/

Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

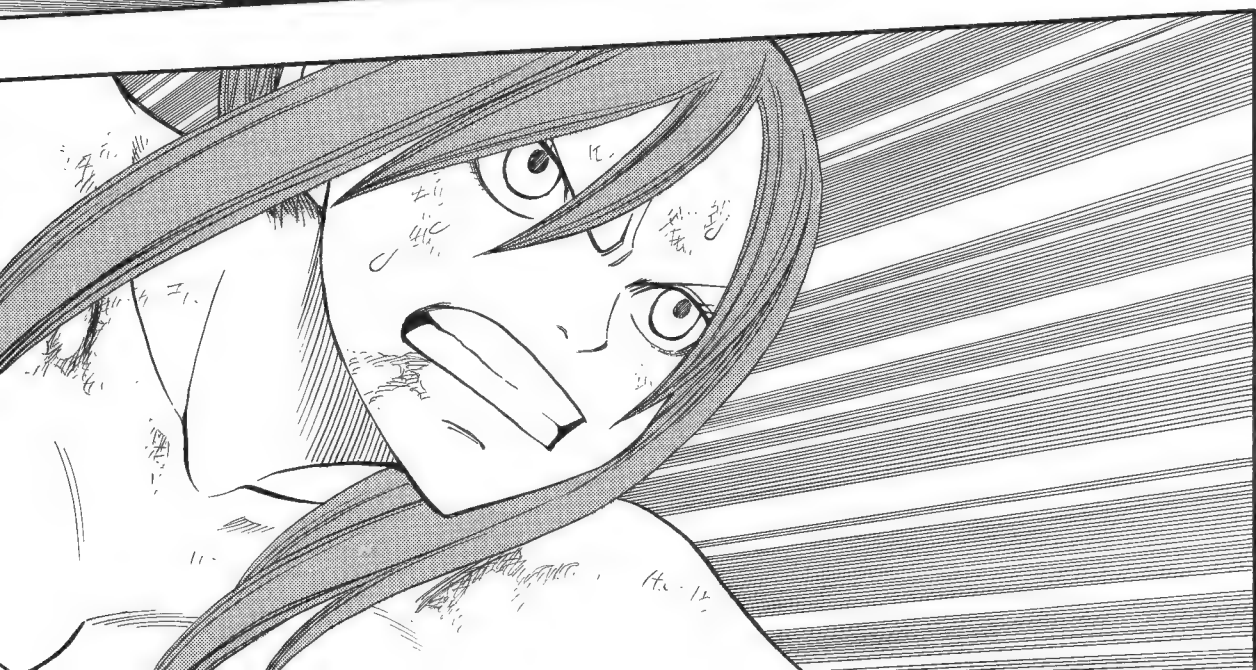
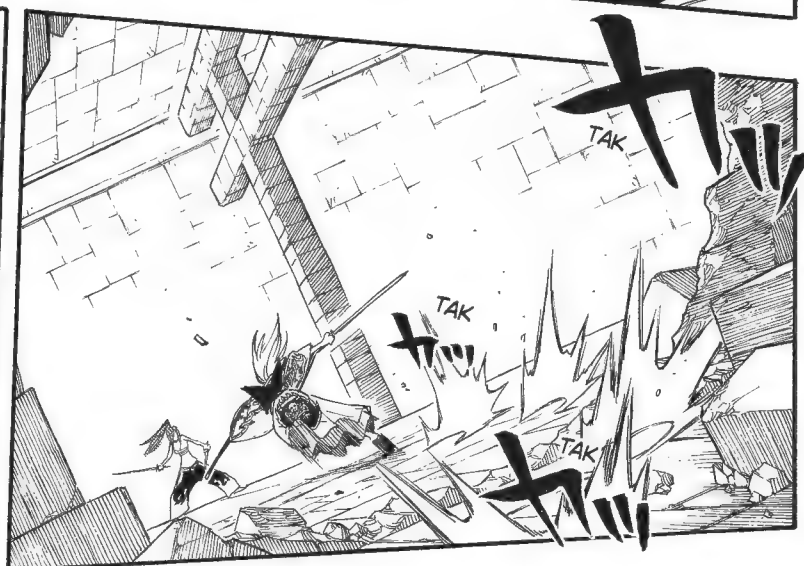
Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

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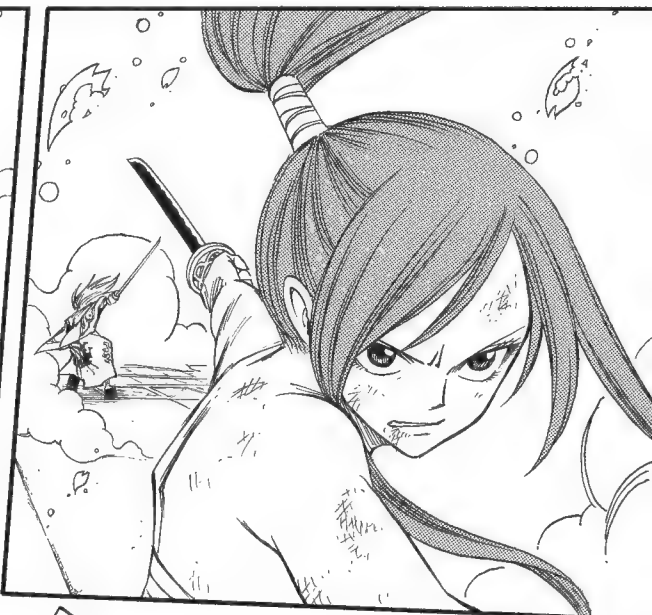
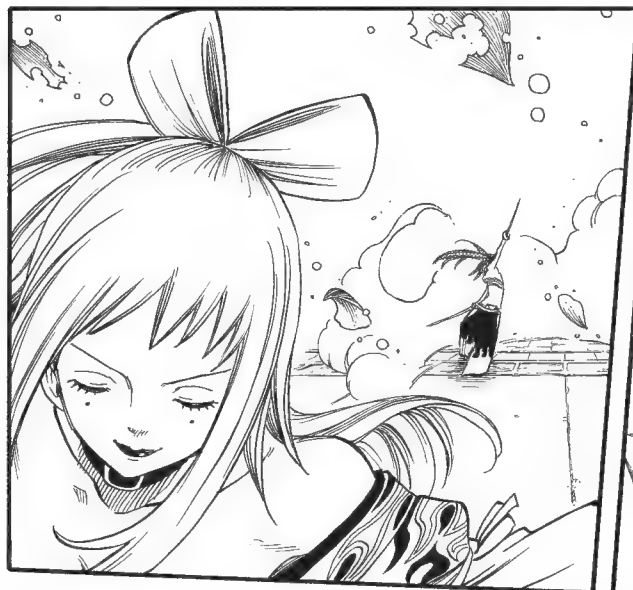
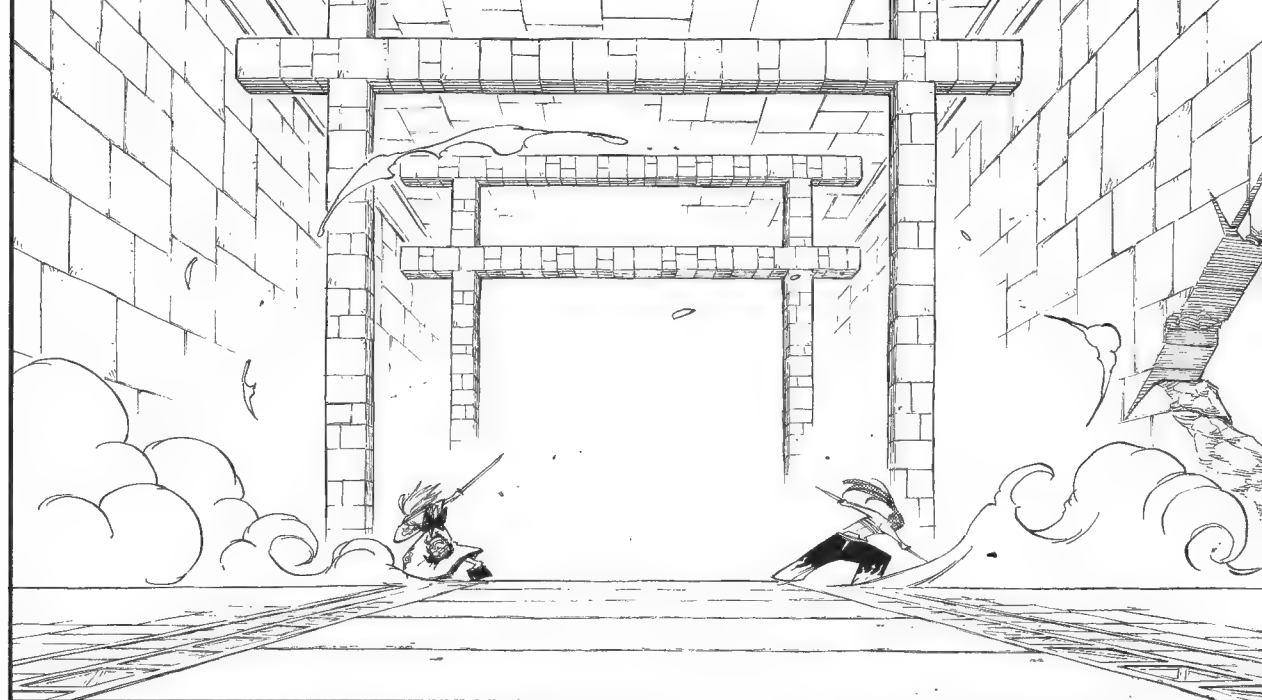
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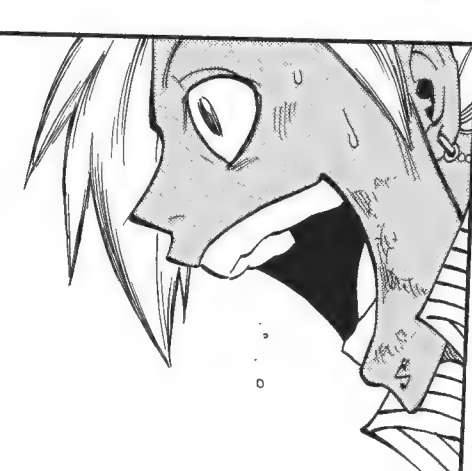
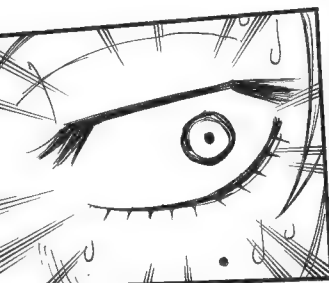






Chapter 92: Destiny







V-Very...
impres-
sive...



HAHH
HAHH
HAHH



That was
amazing!!!
Sis, you're
incredible!!!



In fifteen minutes...



L-Lost. That is...the first time...that has happened...since I entered the guild...

However, you will lose too... to Jellal...



Ah...

That poem was terrible...



Fall down upon us;
O light of divine justice;
Bring death to us all!



Quickly, gather up Simon and the others, along with my friends from the guild, and get as far away from here as you can!



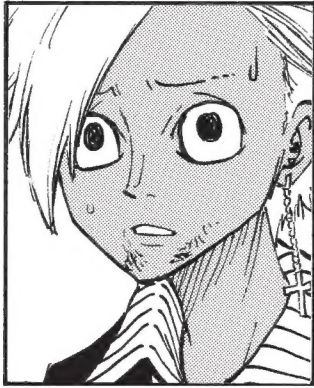
Shô, you're wounded. Can you walk?

Y-Yeah... I think so...



Fifteen minutes?

Is she talking about Etherion?

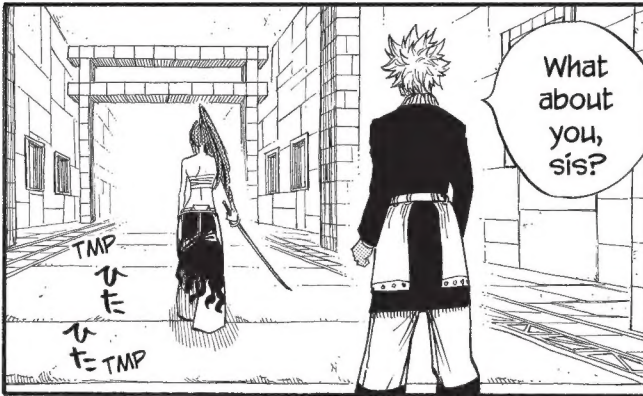


... Shô?

You will
do as
I ask,
won't
you...



B-But...



What
about
you,
sis?



Yeah.



...I'm
going
to end
this!

I'll
meet
you, but
first...

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